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SLATER JOINS ASW AS GUEST WRITER

ROBBIE SLATER (pictured) of St George is one of Australia's most exciting young Soccer players.

Now he's turning his hand to another game — as a columnist with **AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY**.

Starting with today's issue, Robbie will write a weekly article which we guarantee will be of enormous interest to all followers of Soccer. His first article is on Page 4.

Slater played recently for Australia "B" against top European teams in the World Soccer Series and he is a prime target for one of England's most successful clubs, Nottingham Forest.

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SHOULDER'S EYES ON SINGAPORE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AUSTRALIAN Institute of Sport's Soccer coach Jim Shoulder is right behind the move to play a reinforced Young Socceroo team in Singapore's Merlion Cup during October.

The Socceroos hold the Cup, having won it in 1982. They held it last year from opposition which included the strong Chinese national team.

Shoulder has responsibility for the Young

Socceroos' challenge for the World Youth Cup, finals of which will be held in Chile next year.

The 1985 squad would not compete so well in Singapore against full national

teams so Shoulder wants to have them reinforced by a number of the 1983 Youth successes in Mexico.

Players such as David Lowe, Ralph Maier, Tom McCulloch

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GROUND CHECK BY NSL

BY DAVID JACK

THE National Soccer League will conduct an urgent survey of the grounds used by its 24 member clubs.

Such a survey is long overdue: standards have slipped seriously in the past couple of years.

Probably half of the grounds are far from suitable for a national competition.

Cover for spectators is a rare luxury, which means empty grounds on rainy days.

The playing surfaces are, at many grounds, dreadful.

Media facilities are archaic ... indeed at least one ground does not even have a telephone. Presumably progress scores are despatched by carrier pigeon.

Before the NSL was enlarged to accommodate its present 24 teams, the grounds of new clubs were inspected by officials of the competition.

That inspection was probably not as thorough as it might have been, such was the anxiety of the League's rulers to enrol its eight new member clubs.

Things have changed drastically in the past seven years.

When the National League took off in a blaze of glory back in 1977, every club had to adhere to strict guidelines on grounds.

The 33,000-capacity Sydney Sports Ground was used every weekend even though some clubs which played on it had quite

reasonable home grounds. In Brisbane, both Lions and City had to play at QSF headquarters, Perry Park.

Today, the NSL shuns Sydney Sports Ground and Perry Park. There are no games at the well

-equipped International Sports Centre in Newcastle.

Matches are now played at places like Towradgi Park and Chaplin Reserve, hardly suitable venues for the biggest Soccer competition in Australia.

It is good to know the NSL is aware of the problem and plans to take action.

But the League must act quickly to remedy the present intolerable situation.

We have already waited too long.



Action from Towradgi Park last Sunday ... as Wollongong City striker Peter Beggs takes a tumble (PHOTO: DAVID JELLINGS)

EDITORIAL

AS Australia once again starts the long haul to World Cup qualification, it is a good time to examine where this country stands in relation to Soccer's League of Nations ... that polyglot Zurich-based organisation called FIFA.

Most of the world's Soccer-playing nations belong to geographical Confederations.

Even Australia belongs to a Confederation. It is called Oceania. But its value to Australian Soccer is inconsequential. Oceania is a dead duck.

This is never more apparent than when FIFA arranges the number of teams which will qualify for the World Cup from the various regions.

If Korea or Japan or China gets good results in the Asian elimination matches, a passage to the World Cup Finals is assured.

Not so if Australia wins all its matches in the Oceania eliminations. FIFA in its wisdom has decreed that the winner of the Oceania Group must then go into another qualifying series.

FIFA might convincingly answer complaints on this score by pointing out that there are not enough teams of the required strength in the Oceania Confederation.

And FIFA is right, of course. But

why have the experts who rule the world game from Switzerland done nothing to rectify the situation?

If Oceania is just a joke — and if we are honest we must accept that it is — why bother to keep it going?

Oceania should be either strengthened ... or scrapped. The present situation is of little value to the countries in Oceania and of no value to the rest of the world.

It would be a simple matter to build Oceania into a Confederation of some stature in world Soccer.

It has been clear for years that the Asian Confederation is far too large. Let FIFA siphon off half a dozen countries, or more, and transfer them to a new, vibrant, meaningful Oceania

... a region which could guarantee automatic qualification to the World Cup for its top team or teams.

Nations like Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, The Philippines and Thailand would be admirable recruits. Maybe there would be objections from such countries but, if FIFA has any strength at all, it must make decisions which are occasionally unpopular.

This is not the first time AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY has called for a bigger, stronger, Oceania — but we make no apology for raising this contentious matter again.

Indeed, ASW will continue to campaign for justice for Australia, New Zealand and the other forgotten teams brushed under a rug called Oceania.

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and Rod Brown spring readily to mind as ideal members for the squad.

It will be up to Singapore to indicate their willingness to accept the Australian team in their tournament.

Young Socceroos in Israel. They would rub shoulders with strong teams such as Greece and Bulgaria as well as the Israelis.

Israel would become a possibility if the team could go straight on to



ROD BROWN ... Ideal

There is a strong move within the Australian Soccer Federation to support the venture. So much money has been invested in the Youth players that it would amount to dereliction of duty if they are not further pushed towards ultimate national team positions. Shoulder's initiatives do not end with the Merlion Cup.

The ASF is awaiting dates of the Joao Havelange Cup in Mexico next January before deciding whether the Youth team will also play in the Israel Winter Tournament over Christmas/New Year.

Shoulder would be delighted to play the

Mexico for the Havelange Cup.

Too long a gap between tournaments would prove a let-down and would not be acceptable at that time of the year. In addition the cost factor would escalate.

"Sunny Jim" Shoulder is also behind the possibility that crack Czech unit Slovan Bratislava might tour Australia in late January and early February.

The idea cropped up whilst Shoulder was with the Australian Institute of Sport squad in West Germany and Holland recently.

The ASF has indicated strong interest.

BARNES, WATSON TESTIMONIAL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY CITY this year will reward the services of three of their outstanding staff members — Murray Barnes, Joe Watson and former physiotherapist, Bill Fenney.

Instead of staging a testimonial match for their two long-serving players, Sydney City will be staging various functions and raffles throughout the year.

Barnes has been with the club 14 years, graduating from the juniors, whilst Watson has knocked up 11 consecutive years' service.

Right winger, now right midfielder, Joe Watson, a former Nottingham Forest apprentice, came to Australia 11 years ago, signing for the Hakoah club, now known as Sydney City.

Watson soon became well-known for his excellent close ball skills and constructiveness, and has created literally hundreds of goals with his deadly accurate ball-service and crosses from the right flank.

For years, clubs failed to detect Watson's enormous value as he repeatedly "controlled" his team's attack from the line.

Whenever his team was in trouble, the ball would be knocked out wide to the right to Watson, who had the ability to "hold it up", whilst the rest of the team regrouped for a new launch of attack.

In fact, Watson proved to be a scaled-down version of Brazil's right-flank architect Eder in the World Cup in Spain.

Watson has played over 300 first grade matches for Sydney City.

Murray Barnes has easily been the most powerful and consistent midfielder in the club's history.

Barnes' powerhouse running has enabled him to crash through with monotonous regularity to either set up goals or hit the target himself. His height has made him deadly in the box at dead-ball moves.

Murray, a graduate in marine science, captained Australia's 1982 World Cup team and, although he has been



JOE WATSON

plagued by a knee injury in the last two years, has kept playing for Sydney City.

In recent weeks, Murray has displayed the form for his club, and it's no wonder that Sydney City is again leading the NSL ladder, heading for another NSL championship under master coach Ed Thomson.

The Hakoah Club will hold a dinner-dance on July 28 at \$20 a head in honour of Barnes and Watson, with the proceeds going to benefit players.

At Sydney City's home game next Sunday against Sydney Olympic, Bill Fenney will be the guest of honour and a presentation will be made to him for seven years' service to the club.



MURRAY BARNES

LIVERPOOL, JUVENTUS THE FAVOURITES

THE draws for the three major European club tournaments were made last week ... and already England's Liverpool and Italy's Juventus are rated joint favourites for the biggest prize, the European Cup.

Juventus are certain to coast through their first round match in which they are up against a team from Finland called Ilves Tampere.

Liverpool, on the other hand, meet mighty opponents. The Merseyside marvels, holders of the European Cup, have to play Lech Poznan, the Polish champions.

ball-mad Romans in the Olympic Stadium.

Another interesting pairing in the Cup Winners Cup brings that excellent Yugoslavian side, Hajduk Split, up against Russia's Moscow Dynamo.

Tottenham Hotspur, holders of the UEFA Cup, should have little trouble breezing through against the Portuguese team, Sporting Braga.

The Londoners, with a new team manager and bursting with ambitions to remain giants of Europe, should have

the brilliant Glenn Hoddle back on duty, fully fit, to face the Braga side.

Other English teams in the UEFA Cup had mixed fortunes in the draw.

Nottingham Forest and Manchester United, recent tourists in Australia, play Bruges (Belgium) and Rabas Vasas Gyor (Hungary) respectively while Southampton have a very attractive draw against one of the great teams of Europe, SV Hamburg.

Rangers from Scotland will meet Bohemians from the Republic of Ireland in a match which could put an un-

welcome spotlight on religious bigotry if bitterly anti-Catholic Rangers fans cross the Irish Sea for the Dublin game.

Even more potentially explosive from the angle is the meeting of Linfield and Shamrock Rovers in the European Cup.

Linfield is the pride of the Protestant establishment in Belfast, only on rare occasions do they play against a team from the Catholic Republic of Ireland!

All matches will be played over two legs, September 19 and October 3. The team named first will play home in the first leg.

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Teams from Poland are always difficult opponents in European competitions and Liverpool would certainly have preferred something easier in their first game.

Although Juventus, the holders of the Cup Winners Cup, are not playing in that competition next season — preferring the more glamorous European Cup — their Italian rivals A.S.Roma face a tough opening game.

Roma, with the great Falcao as their midfield general, have been drawn to play Steaua Bucharest.

Like the Poles, the Romanians are never a pushover, especially at home. But they do not always travel well and the tie could be settled in front of 80,000 foot-

EUROPEAN CUP: Levski Spartak Sofia (Bulgaria) v Stuttgart (West Germany, seeded); Lech Poznan (Poland) v Liverpool (England, seeded); Aberdeen (Scotland, seeded) v Dynamo Berlin (East Germany); Dinamo Bucharest (Romania, seeded) v Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus); Ilves Tampere (Finland) v Juventus Turin (Italy, seeded); Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands, seeded) v Panathinaikos Athens (Greece); Austria Vienna (Austria, seeded) v Valletta (Malta); Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) v Benfica Lisbon (Portugal, seeded); Beggen (Luxembourg) v Gothenburg (Sweden, seeded); Bordeaux (France) v Athletic Bilbao (Spain); Grasshopper Zurich (Switzerland) v Honved Budapest (Hungary); Valerenga Oslo (Norway) v Sparta Prague (Czechoslovakia); Trabzonspor (Turkey) v Dnepropetrovsk (Soviet Union); Beveren (Belgium) v Akranes (Iceland); Linfield (Northern Ireland) v Shamrock Rovers (Ireland); Labinoti Elbasan (Albania) v Lyngby BK 1921 (Denmark).

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DAKOS DELIVERS THE GOODS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

TONY DAKOS, who rose to prominence during the World Youth Championship in Mexico last year, is on the comeback trail.

The 20-year-old Sydney Olympic defender has had a disappointing year, spending most of the season on the sidelines.

Dakos is confident he has finally shaken off the injury "bug."

"It felt really good making a comeback in the recent game against Canberra," he said.

"In the third round I damaged the ligaments in my right ankle and missed the following four games."

On his return to the

top grade, disappointment struck the youngster. He suffered another injury — this time to his left foot.

"I came back but after a couple of games strained the ligaments in my left foot. The arch of the foot wasn't receiving enough support," he said.

After missing the recent World Soccer Series through injury after winning selection in the Australian "B" side, Dakos has it all in front of him.

If he can regain the form that made him one of Australia's top three sweepers, it wouldn't surprise to see him travel with the national team on the their world tour at the end of the season.

Surprisingly, Dakos spent most of his junior career playing for rivals APIA-Leichhardt before moving to Olympic in 1980.

From the successful APIA U16 Youth side of 1979, two young players have also reached NSL status — John-Paul de Marigny (Sydney City) and Dakos' team-mate Nick Theodorakopoulos.

After a successful two-year period with the youth team, Dakos was promoted to the top grade in the last game of the 1982 season. He hasn't looked back since.

Last year he travelled with the Australian youth team to Mexico to contest the World Championship and returned with his reputation sky high.

It was the style of Soccer played in Mexico that impressed Dakos.

"It's much different to the Australian style," he said.

"It was slower and more technical and I think that type of game suits me better."

Understandably, playing before a parochial Mexican crowd of 110,000 in the first game of the series was an unbelievable initiation in the youth team.

"I think I'll probably never experience a crowd like that again. Everywhere you looked there were mountains upon mountains of people."

"The atmosphere made me want to play well," Dakos added.

A part-time deliverer for his cousin's oyster shop at Pyrmont Fish Markets, he has had to pay a price for Soccer success.

Last year, Dakos started an accounting

course at Technical College and was forced to miss six months because of his commitments with the youth team. This year he dropped the course completely.

His immediate aim is to help Sydney Olympic win the National League this season. As he says, "we are in the top four but aren't playing to our full ability."

Dakos, at 20, has a huge future ahead of him. He knows how to deliver the goods for his cousin's business and, hopefully, he will continue to deliver the goods on his favourite stamping ground — the Soccer field.

DREAM START FOR LIONS BOSS

BY GREG RUSSELL

NEW Brisbane Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith scored a "double-double" in his first two weeks after taking over from Harry Noon.

Although promoted by the board to coach the Lions' NSL side, Arrowsmith did not want to abandon the club's second team, playing in the Intermediate League. So he has taken on the most daunting task of coaching both sides.

And despite the hectic workload, both Lions teams won in Arrowsmith's first two weekends as dual coach.

Further to Arrowsmith's credit, three of those first four wins were against sides expected to beat Lions.

In the NSL, Lions beat the much higher placed Brisbane City 2-0, then downed NSL champions St George 3-2.

On the same weekend

as the St George victory, the Lions' Intermediate League team scored the upset of the Ampol Cup quarter-finals by beating Premier League leaders Ipswich United 1-0.

Arrowsmith, who until this season was coach of modest Brisbane First Division side Mitchelton, refuses to take credit for the "double-double."

"With the players and facilities at the club, I think it is possible to coach both sides. In fact I think I have the best job in Australia," Arrowsmith said.

Despite the encouraging start, Arrowsmith is certainly not getting carried away.

He has set the team firm targets and is well aware of what prob-

lems could be ahead, particularly when he travels away.

"The moment I see the dual role affecting either of the two teams, I will look for someone else to come in and give a hand," he said.

"But things seem to going well at the moment and there is a good feeling among the players."

"Relegation is no longer a threat and with the talent at the club I think we can realistically start looking at atop five position. "We certainly won't be just cooling our heels in mid-table."

The enthusiasm created by Arrowsmith since he took over from Noon seems to have spread throughout the entire club.



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THAT'S APFA COACH FIL

LEICHHARDT APFA's high placing in the National League is a compliment to the skills and experience of coach Fil Bottalico.

Bottalico, like Les Scheinflug, is an underestimated coach.

Like Scheinflug he has coached for many years, at least a decade and a half.

That is a long time by Australian standards and is a big plus for the Leichhardt team now in second place in the competition.

I remember two years ago taking my Bankstown team to play Sydney Croatia where Bottalico was coach.

Croatia were top of the league and comfortably beat us. Yet Bottalico was constantly harassed by his own supporters who were not impressed by the quality of Soccer played by Croatia.

Resigned

Indeed some weeks later, with his team still top, Bottalico resigned, leaving it to Josef Kuze to continue on to a stuttering last-gasp goal average title win.

In conversations with Croatia players during that season, I learned that some were not too impressed by Bottalico's methods.

However, players are not always the best judge of a coach's qualities.

Supportive

I remember St George playing pitiful Soccer as they plunged to the bottom of the National League, yet the players, in the main, were supportive of the coach. St George were relegated.

Bottalico is a winner.

He was as a player and he obviously is as a coach.

I remember Bottalico single-handedly lifting up APFA on his broad back in the Grand Final against St George in the 1960s.

St George were winning 2-0 with 10 minutes to go, with APFA out on its feet... except excellent captain Fil Bottalico.

He suddenly set the game alight from his sweeper role, charging through the centre of the field time after time, brushing aside tackles to set up chances for his



forwards.

Striker Ernie Campbell emerged as the hero with three goals in 10 minutes.

But it was Bottalico who made it all happen.

Titles

As a coach he won titles with APFA and North Sydney and now, without spending much money, has Leichhardt second to Sydney City in the National League.

His team have 22 points — and that would place them at the top of the National Conference. Conference leaders South Melbourne and Heidelberg have two points less than Leichhardt.

But the Australian Conference has Sydney City dominating the scene with a five-point lead as champion-elect.

It is said you get no plaudits for finishing second, yet I believe Bottalico and his Leichhardt APFA team deserve some credit for heading the bigger budget teams such as Marconi and Sydney Olympic.

If APFA were able to maintain their position, Egyptian-born Bottalico would be a serious contender for the Coach of the Year award.

BY MIKE JOHNSON

THE GOOD AND BAD OF WSS

WITH the World Soccer Series only recently completed, it is a good time to look back at the good and the bad things it produced.

As far as the players are concerned, I am sure I can speak for all of us when I say it was a great experience for us to play against such opposition.

After all, you don't often get the chance to match skills with full-time professionals from clubs like Rangers, Manchester United, Iraklis, Juventus and Nottingham Forest.

It is a great thrill for any player to compete against the likes of McCoist, Hatzipanagis, Rossi and Boniek.

Also, it was fantastic for the Australian players to have the opportunity of training on a full-time basis. I think that made us all realise why we are behind other countries.

So much for the good things from the WSS. Now for the bad.

Apart from the Melbourne matches, all other games turned out to be desperately disappointing as far as crowds go.

Let's be honest — match attendances were terrible.

If we cannot pull in big crowds for matches as attractive as these, what hope is there for the game at club level?

Brisbane was the most disappointing venue. In the two games I played there for the "B" team, it seemed there was hardly anyone at the Lang Park ground, a ground which can accommodate close on 40,000 spectators.

When we played Rangers, I would have assessed the attendance at not much more than 1,000. And against Nottingham Forest, there were only about half as many.

Even when Australia's "A" team played Forest there, the crowd was pitifully small.

One of the reasons was surely the lack of promotion and publicity.

I did not see any TV advertising.

Indeed, apart from Sydney, there appeared to be practically no newspaper ads in the matches played in the various centres.

People cannot expect to turn up for matches if they do not know those matches

are being played.

I want to thank Eddie Thomson, the "B" team coach for giving me my chance to play at the SCG against my favourite overseas club, Nottingham Forest.

I was quite pleased with my performance and it helped get me an invitation to pay a return visit to Forest at the end of the Australian season.

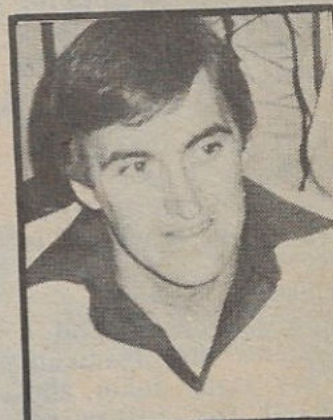
But I am not banking on anything special as far as my Forest ambitions go.

Right now, I am a St George player and my main target is to help the team climb up the NSL table and secure a place in the top five.

It is not going to be easy because, with all our injuries, Saints will be doing very well to make the semi-finals.

Australian youngsters and coaches surely have learned a lot from watching the great skills of Iraklis and Juventus during the World Series.

It was clearly shown that these



EDDIE THOMSON

teams are ahead of Australian teams when it comes to the pure skills of the game.

We have a long way to go. It should be our aim to concentrate more on skills and, perhaps, be a little less physical.

I am not suggesting Australian players should lose their natural aggression — this is one of our main weapons against overseas teams — but it is obvious our type of Soccer is lacking somewhat in real skill.

And as somebody once said... there is no substitute for skill.

ROBBIE SLATER Writes for ASW



Slater (left) in action for the Australia "B" team against Iraklis in Brisbane. Iraklis left-back Orfanidis controls the ball on his chest — the Greeks impressed with their skills in the WSS

BOSKO AWAY

TONY BOSKOVIC will be away for the next few weeks.

His column in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY will resume when he returns.

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SAINTS BATTLE WITH THE 'OLD BOYS'

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AFTER two successive away losses, St George will be out to make amends when they take on Melita Eagles at St George Stadium on Sunday.

Melita, after three defeats in a row, bounced back last Sunday with a valuable win against Blacktown City.

Melita's John Davies, an ex-St George player, starred in that match and coach Raul Blanco will again be looking

for a big performance from his blond haired distributor.

Don Allan, back from injury, will also prove a thorn in Saints' side and another former St George player, Billy Griffiths, will be looked upon to supply width

on the left for Melita.

Meanwhile, St George will be hoping that their international goalkeeper Terry Greedy will be back and also ace goalscorer Dez Marton.

The Saints have dropped to ninth position on the table, with 15 points, whilst Melita, with 19 points, lies in fifth position.

The Saints have hit the target 22 times, six more than Melita, but have conceded eight more than Blanco's outfit.

Melita will find St George's international central defender David Ratcliffe a difficult customer to break through whilst midfielder Johnny O'Shea, with his classy tackling in the middle, will strive to win ball for the St George attack.

David Skeen, as well as having to patrol the expected raids down his flank, will counter with his forward expeditions to put in his crosses into Melita's box.

PONGRASS SETS RECORD

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE president Alex Pongrass has set a record in senior Soccer and possibly for all sport in Australia.

Last week, the St George club held a dinner in honour of their president, who has held that position for 25 consecutive years.

Pongrass came to Australia from his native Hungary in 1950, and set about establishing a small engineering firm with his brother.

Over the years it grew rapidly into an empire embracing engineering, marine manufacturing and furniture.

Pongrass was soon to engineer another empire — the St George Soccer empire.

He was voted president of the small Hungarian club, Budapest SC, on July 3, 1959.

The club secretary was current chairman of the St George Soccer committee, Les Bordacs; and the treasurer in 1959 was Zolley Gyenes, who still holds a position with the Saints as Finance Director.

Maybe there is a lesson there regarding stability in management, which in turn breeds success.

Pongrass has been described as "a hopeless dreamer," "a hard-headed realist," "a daring revolutionary" and "a super conservative businessman."

One thing is certain. If it wasn't for this man Pongrass, with an insatiable drive for success and an incredible ability to conquer targets against all odds, St George may never have achieved what it has over the last 25 years.

With inexhaustible reserves of energy, Alex Pongrass, once elected president, set about driving his little club to the very top of the ladder in Australian Soccer history.

In 1959, the club won



ALEX PONGRASS

promotion to the Sydney First Division and went on to become Australia's most powerful Soccer club, supplying countless players to the national team over the years.

In 1966, the Hungarians moved into the St George district, and under the Pongrass regime, the Saints built their social club at Mortdale.

The St George Soccer Association came under the banner of the St George Budapest club, with 375 registered junior teams representing 5,146 young players.

The St George social club has a registered membership of over 3,200 and sponsors the Saints' NSL team.

In 1976, Pongrass, together with some other

powerful administrators, set his sights on forming a National Soccer League.

In 1977, their dreams came true.

Next Pongrass believed his club needed its very own stadium.

In 1978, the club officially opened the St George Soccer Stadium in Bestic St, Rockdale.

The large modern grandstand, with seating capacity for 3,100 people, was named the Alex Pongrass Stand in honour of the Saints' long-serving president.

Now 60, Alex is gradually toning down his energetic activities.

After 25 successful years, he has set the stage for even more successes in the future for St George Budapest Soccer Club.



LES BORDACS



DON ALLAN (left) ... back from injury

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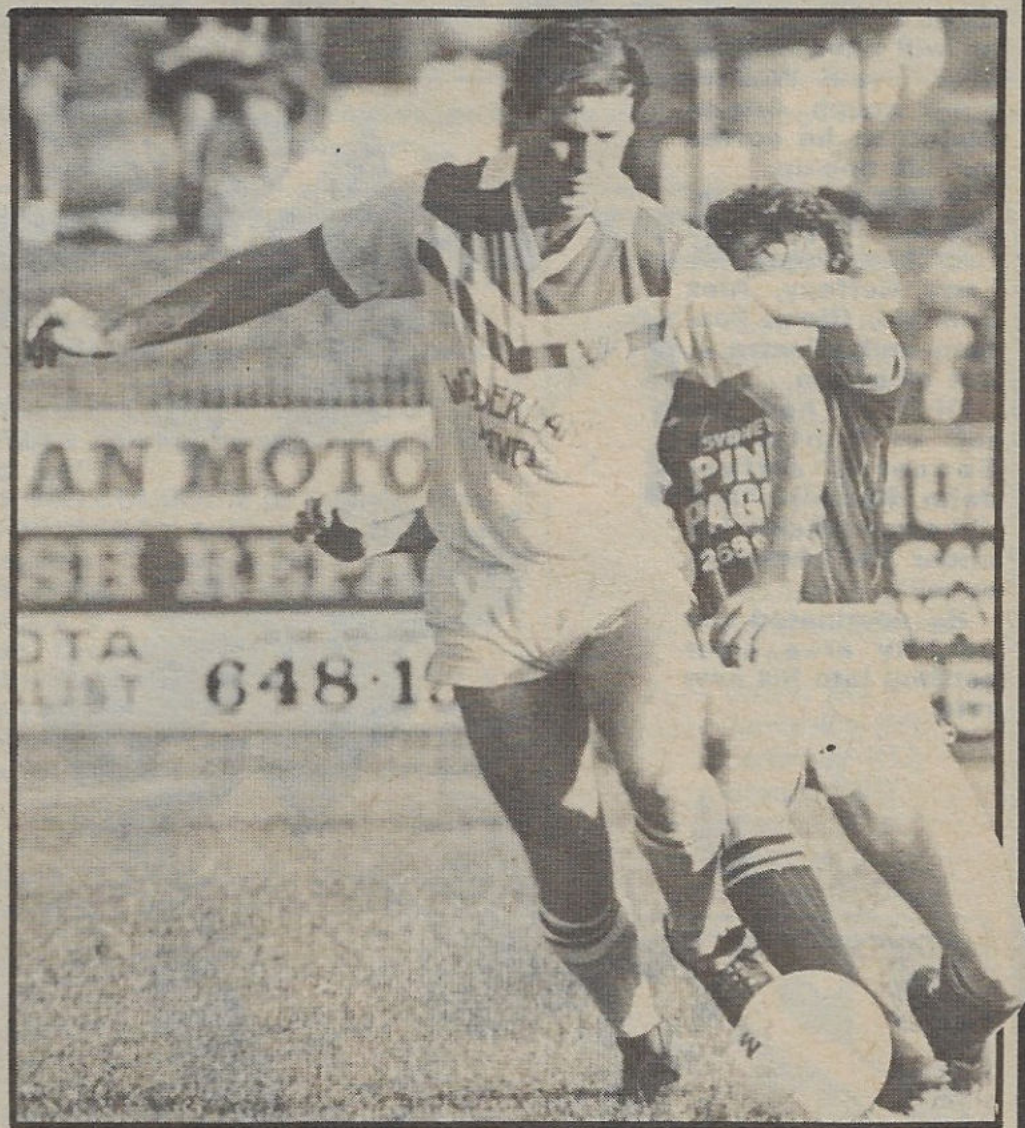
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CHIT HAT



"ONE of the finest performances I have seen from a full-back this season."

That was how Brisbane City coach Joe Gilroy described the showing of youngster Frank Mengotti in his first match in the new position when City beat Preston 2-1.

Mengotti, signed from Intermediate League club Valley Trident this season, has always been a striker or midfielder.

But according to Gilroy, Mengotti relished the opportunity to "stand back and look at the game"

Gilroy already has had great success this season in switching Garry Bromfield from a conventional left winger to a left full-back.

SCOTT DICKSON must have felt like one of those Christians they use to feed to the lions when he ran out for Wollongong City against Sydney City at the Sydney Athletic Field.

The young striker had been told only minutes earlier he would be playing stopper in place of the injured Ray Vlietstra.

"He's the only tall bloke in the side so he will have to take over," said Wollongong coach Adrian Alston as he sorted out his line-up.

It was a problem as Alston had four key players — Larry Gaffney, Alex Bundalo, Glenn Fontana and Vlietstra — out of action.

Dickson had the job of containing Socceroo striker John Kosmina and did a remarkable job under the circumstances.

He dominated the penalty area after settling into his new role.

FORMER Blacktown United goalkeeper Wayne Evans, who played in goal for Brisbane Lions' NSL team earlier this year, is making a comeback.

Evans broke his finger against Sydney City in May and at one stage doctors thought they might have to pin the break.

Although Evans' specialist has recommended he rest another three weeks, the player has started playing for the Lions' intermediate League team and is expected to be pushing for his old place.

Lions' new NSL keeper Robbie Farrow has had some strong games and certainly won't meekly surrender the No.1 shirt.

ALTHOUGH Tony Dakos made a comeback for Sydney Olympic against Sydney Croatia, he is not 100 per cent fit.

Dakos really needs six months complete rest from the game for a full recovery but he is determined to battle through despite being slightly incapacitated.

"I've told Tony to try and put the injury out of his mind," said Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer.

LACK of depth is beginning to tell on Adelaide City, whose reserve team is struggling to avoid relegation from the State League First Division.

Defender Alex Tobin, midfielder Sergio Melita and striker Joe Mullen have had to carry injuries into NSL games in an effort to keep the club out of the national relegation zone.

MOVES by Adelaide City supporters to persuade midfielder Nello Scarpa to remain in Australia for the rest of the season and not return to Italy have failed.

He and Tommaso Talarico will have flown out by the time you read this — but they did promise to return next year, and probably for a full season.

"**SYDNEY CITY** look certain champions and the only real challenge to them looks like being Leichhardt."

That's how Penrith coach Willie Wallace sums up the NSW division of the National League.

Wallace's assessment of his own Penrith side? "We're aiming for a spot in the top half of the table and I'm sure we can get there," he said.

MATEO COLUCCI, the Italian who was due to play here as a guest with Marconi, will not be coming.

Colucci has just been transferred from third division Trento to a club in Naples and is unable to make the trip to Australia.

THE National League grand final in 1985 will have to be played before the end of September.

Australia will be heavily involved in World Cup elimination matches at the end of next year which is why the grand final is being brought forward.

It would be a good idea to always have the grand final in September. In all other football codes there is always a September deadline — so why shouldn't Soccer conform?

AUSTRALIA is trying to arrange tour matches in Greece, Italy, Yugoslavia, Scotland, and Ireland between November 14 and December 5.

It looks like being a hectic tour for the Socceroos.

VIC FERNANDEZ, back in the coaching business with Inter-Monaro in the NSW State League, confesses he is worried about the challenge from Sutherland Shire.

"It's tough at the top right now," said Vic. "Rockdale and Manly are pressing us for the premiership, but nobody mentions Sutherland."

"They could be the surprise packet."

JOHN WIGNALL, coach of Warringah Narrabeen, one of the strugglers in the NSW State League, was upset about having to double up last weekend with matches against Inter-Monaro on Saturday and Manly on Sunday.

"Why doesn't the Federation leave the odd weekend clear so clubs can play rearranged matches?" asked Wignall.

"No team can really handle two hard games in 24 hours — and we shouldn't be asked to do it," said the Warringah coach.



FRANK LIDDELL (right) challenged by Marshall Soper

BRISBANE CITY were embarrassed recently when it was leaked that their former captain Frank Liddell had been placed on the transfer list after a clash with a club official.

Liddell, whose visa expires at the end of the year, was on the list for only four days and with a hefty transfer tag of \$25,000. Club officials have since gone to great lengths to stress that the difference has now been well and truly settled.

CHRIS HUMMEL (pictured below), Australia's former Youth team goalkeeper, is finding it tough travelling from his Canberra home to train with Parramatta Melita every week.

On loan from Canberra Arrows while Melita's first choice Alex McPherson is getting over injury, Hummel has now decided to live in Sydney.

McPherson could need another five weeks before he'll be over his bad hand injury.

EVERY season when signing on time comes round, there is always an offer from State League clubs to sign West Adelaide's Tim Brown, but he is never listed for transfer.

The reason was illustrated recently when he turned out in the club's State League team as a centre-back for the full 90 minutes, then took the field as a substitute midfielder in the NSL match against Brunswick Juventus.

He can also play central striker, and despite being a "bench starter" is one of the crowd's favourites.

HAS any National League team been hit as hard as Parramatta Melita with injuries?

Last week, Melita had Ray Farrugia, Wayne Farnsworth, John Davies, Alex McPherson, Don Allan, Stuart Johnston and Dennis Duarte out of action.



FORMER young Socceroo Danny Wright is on the comeback trail and is playing Brisbane Lions' second team.

But club officials do not want to rush the youngster, who suffered a severe ankle injury two months ago, and do not expect him back in the NSL side for at least another fortnight.

The delay could work well for the club, whose Intermediate League team has reached the Australia Cup semi-final and is poised to wrap up the competition by opening up a sizeable lead at the top of the table. The presence of Wright in the team over the next few weeks could make their task a little easier.

FORMER Australia coach Rale Rasic was impressed with the form of young Blacktown midfielder Mike Quarmby in recent NSL matches with Marconi.

Rasic has always been an admirer of Quarmby's ability, particularly when he was coach at Blacktown a few years ago.

Although the teams drew 2-2, Quarmby also grabbed the winner.

With minutes remaining, his powerful 18 metre-drive was brilliantly saved by, ironically, a Blacktown custodian, Bruce James.

PAUL CARTER, Marconi's young right back, suffered a nasty knock to the ankle against Blacktown City.

It wasn't the tactic that disappointed Carter but the reaction he received from the crowd.

"Everyone thought I was faking the injury," he said.

"I was even more surprised to hear my girl friend call an actor."



SOUTHS STRUGGLE WITHOUT CRINO

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOUTH MELBOURNE survived a second half challenge by Footscray to record a 2-1 victory at Schintler Reserve.

A first half deficit proved fatal for Footscray. They had complete dominance in the second half and

constantly invaded Peter Laumets' area. Seriously hampered by the absence of Oscar Crino, South Mel-

bourne appeared extremely weak in midfield, despite the tremendous effort of captain John Yzendoorn.

Charlie Egan led Souths to their fourth win in as many weeks with a perfect opportunist goal. He headed home a cross from Yzendoorn, momentarily halting Footscray's confidence.

Kenny Murphy redeemed himself for a mediocre performance with the second goal — again featuring Yzendoorn. Doug Brown executed a corner from the right and the unmarked Yzendoorn touched the ball down to Murphy who drove it in the net.

Footscray displayed tremendous initiative in the second half. Led by the man of the match, centre-half Garry McDowell, they held South Melbourne scoreless and managed to reduce the deficit in the 49th minute through Dragan Lacmanovic.

Lacmanovic's temperament earned him a red card, the first in his short career in Australia.

FOOTSCRAY: Bolland, Hazabent, Curovic, Kyriakoulas, McDowell, O'Donnell (Caban 61), Belic, Karic (Tansey 61), Carroll, Lacmanovic, Lujic.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Kalifatidis, Blair, Halford, Yzendoorn, Davidson, Murphy, Brown, Egan.

REFEREE: J. Fearn.
CROWD: 4,000.

SLOPPY FINISHING FROM LEICHHARDT

BY TOM ANDERSON

LEICHHARDT's performance against the hapless Canberra Arrows at Henson Park was akin to an ace duck shooter popping-off his quarry with a single barrelled shotgun.

Firing with only one barrel, Leichhardt bagged two goals: had they used a double-barrel approach the score would have been doubled or tripled.

Make no mistake, this Leichhardt team is a good one — stacked with fine talent, well drilled and giving nothing less than 100 percent.

But its finishing is sloppy and in need of repair.

Top teams chasing championships — and Fil Bottalico's boys are in this class — have to capitalise on every opportunity, or near enough every opportunity that pops up in front of the opposition goal.

If they don't, they finish second and there's no prize in professional Soccer for finishing second.

With Kerry Caban (42nd minute) and Robert de Ceglie (79th) grabbing the goals, Canberra Arrows were indeed flattered by the final scoreline.

They were never really in the hunt and at no time looked as if they had the know-how to collect both points.

This was another fine performance by the Leichhardt boys and two more valuable points.

But they could have made it a great deal easier on themselves had they shown a bit more composure and penetration around goal.

No doubt big Fil Bot-

talico will rectify this in training this week and Leichhardt will come out firing on both barrels.

If they do this, they will bag plenty of "sitting ducks" during

their remaining games.

LEICHHARDT: Parkes, Bozanic, Bertogna, Pullen, Brown, Butler, Gray, Tredinick, Bradley, Caban, De Ceglie.

CANBERRA: Fran-

ken; Ontong, Harkins, Redmond, Jones; Hogg (Reis 69), Sermanni (Bryant 45), Brockbank; Farina, Phillips, Gibson.

REFEREE: G. Power.
CROWD: 1,574.

MACLAREN MISS WAS COSTLY

BY TOM MCKAIN

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS, bottom of the table, threw away a glorious chance to grab two vital points when they missed a penalty and had to be content with a 1-1 draw against Adelaide City at Olympic Sports Field.

Don MacLaren was the unfortunate player who took the spot kick in the 86th minute after Bobby Toal had been brought down by City captain and defender, Bugsy Nyskohus.

MacLaren hammered a rising shot which had keeper Willie McNally beaten, only to see the ball hit the underside of the bar and bounce down and out.

On a dull, freezing day, marred by showers and a heavy pitch, City looked good and took the lead in the eighth minute when Charlie Villani rode a tackle through Gerry Bennett then raced on to beat keeper, Tom Costello.

Toal was the hero in the 66th minute when he grabbed the equaliser in similar fashion.

Playing his last game along with fellow Italian guest midfielder Nello Scarpa, Talarico three times had only Costello to beat but fired the ball straight at the keeper.

On their final showing the Italian pair will not be missed and it is doubtful if City's third guest, Graziano Tavoni, who was on from the start for the first time, will be asked to stay until the end of September.

He started in midfield, was moved to full-back, then was taken off in the 79th minute.

While they are still bottom, George Cross look as if they may yet climb out of the mire with players like Toal, Ossie Latif, MacLaren and Mick Gorian willing to run all day and not reluctant to shoot.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally; Cecere (Gatenby 52), Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Scarpa, Maxwell, Villani, Talarico, Mullen, Tavoni (Tobin 79).

GEORGE CROSS: Costello; Bennett, Taylor, McGorian, Faulkner, MacLaren, Latif, Jovanovic, Scerri, Toal, Bain.

REFEREE: T. Martell.
CROWD: 1,067.



Leichhardt's Kerry Caban shields the ball despite a challenge from Canberra's Roy Jones at Henson Park

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
STH MELB	16	9	2	5	24	14	20	4	2	2	12	6	10	5	0	3	12	8	10		
H'BERG	16	8	4	4	27	18	20	6	1	2	20	12	13	2	3	2	7	6	7		
MEL CROATIA	16	8	4	4	24	20	20	5	2	1	12	5	12	3	2	3	12	15	8		
BRUNSWICK	16	7	3	6	21	28	17	4	2	2	11	10	10	3	1	4	10	18	7		
BRIS CITY	16	6	3	7	13	18	15	1	3	4	3	7	5	5	0	3	10	11	10		
PRESTON	16	5	4	7	22	24	14	2	3	2	12	9	7	3	1	5	10	15	7		
BRIS LIONS	16	5	4	7	22	25	14	3	3	3	14	15	9	2	1	4	8	10	5		
FOOTSCRAY	16	5	3	7	17	18	13	2	1	5	8	10	5	3	2	3	9	8	8		
WEST AD	16	5	3	8	25	27	13	4	1	3	19	9	9	1	2	5	6	18	4		
AD. CITY	16	5	3	8	15	17	13	3	3	4	11	10	9	2	0	4	4	7	4		
GR GULLY	16	4	4	8	16	23	12	3	2	3	12	12	8	1	2	5	4	11	4		
SUNSHINE	16	3	4	9	13	33	10	1	2	4	4	7	4	2	2	5	9	26	6		

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

SYD CITY	16	11	4	1	43	9	26	5	1	0	23	3	11	6	3	1	20	6	15
LEICHHARDT	16	9	4	3	27	16	22	6	0	2	13	6	12	3	4	1	14	10	10
OLYMPIC	16	7	7	2	30	16	21	3	3	2	14	11	9	4	4	0	16	5	12
MARCONI	16	8	3	5	37	22	19	7	0	2	23	9	14	1	3	3	14	13	5
PARRA MELITA	16	7	5	4	16	15	19	3	3	3	9	10	9	4	2	1	7	5	10
PENRITH	16	5	6	5	20	23	16	4	2	2	13	15	10	1	4	3	7	8	6
BLACKTOWN	16	6	4	6	21	26	16	4	3	1	14	9	11	2	1	5	7	17	5
CANBERRA	16	7	1	8	30	23	15	4	0	3	15	8	8	3	1	5	15	15	7
ST GEORGE	16	5	5	6	22	23	15	3	4	2	15	12	10	2	1	4	7	11	5
SYD CROATIA	16	4	5	7	16	26	13	0	2	4	3	12	2	4	3	3	14	11	
NEWCASTLE	16	5	2	9	18	32	12	4	1	2	10	10	9	1	1	7	8	22	3
W'GONG	16	3	3	10	13	36	9	3	1	5	9	16	7	0	2	5	4	20	2

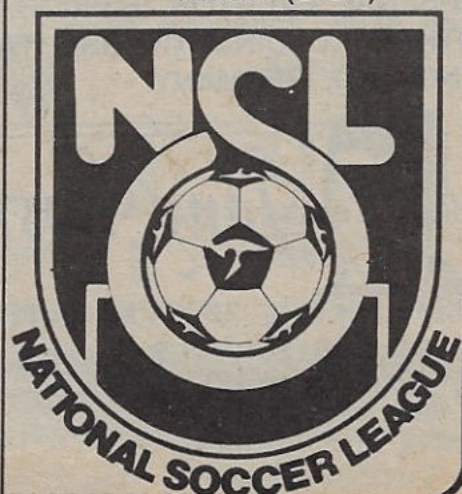
RESULTS

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Villani) SUNSHINE 1 (Toal) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 900.
BRISBANE CITY 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Markovic) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1,202.
SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (C Egan, K Murphy) FOOTSCRAY 1 (Blair og) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd: 4,000.
GREEN GULLY 2 (Wade, Lewis) WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Panagis) at Green Gully Reserve. Crowd: 600.
BRUNSWICK 1 (Brown) NEWCASTLE 1 (Power) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 808.
HEIDELBERG 2 (Winn 2) PRESTON 1 (Odzakov) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 4,000.

LEICHHARDT 2 (Caban, De Ceglie) CANBERRA 0 at Henson Park. Crowd: 1,574.
PENRITH 0 SYDNEY CITY 0 at Cook Park. Crowd: 570.
PARRAMATTA 1 (McKie) BLACKTOWN 0 at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 1,200.
MARCONI 4 (Jankovics, Sharne, McCulloch, Henderson) ST GEORGE 1 (Slater) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,411.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Patikas 2) SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd: 3,677.
WOLLONGONG 3 (Kotamanidis 2, Beggs) BRISBANE LIONS 2 (McDonagh, Cairney) at Towradgi Park. Crowd: 437.

TOP SCORERS

- 15 — Kosmina (SC)
- 10 — Brown (SM)
- 9 — Katholos (SO)
- Bradley (L)
- Lowe (M)
- 8 — Patterson (H)
- Winn (H)
- Farina (CA)
- McCulloch (M)
- Konstandopoulos (WA)
- 7 — Brown (M)
- Jankovics (M)
- Sweeney (BJ)
- Brandt (NR)
- Marton (SG)
- Fletcher (SC)
- Arnold (S.CR)





ROUND UP

PRESTON SAY NO TO RASIC

BY ROGER VERNON

PRESTON football committee squashed rumours about the appointment of Rale Rasic to lead the team until the end of the season.

Following the dismissal of coach Peter Ollerston last Tuesday, rumours circulated on the eve of Preston's clash with Heidelberg United that former national coach Rale Rasic had been appointed coach.

Immediately after Preston lost 1-2 to Heidelberg, Preston officials stated that assistant coach Frank McAleer will remain at the helm, possibly until the end of the season.

Heidelberg's committee also made a statement after the game concerning the behaviour of the supporters and the debut of their newly-acquired forward Stuart Stevenson.

Supporters pelted both linesmen with missiles immediately after the start of the game, after linesman Lou Hemmes had flagged

Preston forward Claude Lucchesi for offside.

The other linesman, Nick Okur, was the target of supporters and had to continue the game in spite of a bleeding cut on the back of his head.

The Heidelberg committee deplored the crowd action.

The other statement from Heidelberg concerned the impressive debut of Stevenson, who arrived at the beginning of the week from Scotland, where he played for Pollock and Airdrie.

Preston surprised with a goal after five minutes coming from midfielder Zarko Odzakov.

But Heidelberg responded and within 17 minutes had taken the lead with two goals by striker Steve Winn.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, Gabrielson (Tzitzis 46), Angele, McLeod, Valentine, Petersen, Selemidis, Patterson, Stevenson, Winn.

PRESTON: Potter, Opasinas, Petrovski, Ilioski, Dobson, Dunn, McMillan, Odzakov, Lucchesi, Cole (Heys 80), Campbell, Valtecic.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.

CROWD: 5,000.

MELITA MUCH TOO GOOD

BY DAVID JACK

PARRAMATTA MELITA were too strong in all departments for Blacktown Demons in their 1-0 win at Melita Stadium — but full marks to the Blacktown men for keeping the result open right to the final whistle.

Chances were squandered by Melita, the main offender being Kenny Wilson, who shot high over the crossbar just before and just after half-time.

But if good openings were missed, at least the Melita fans had something to go into raptures about with the only goal of the game from John McKie.

It came with only 20

minutes to go but it was worth waiting for.

Howard Tredinnick sent Billy Griffiths away up the wing and Griffiths crossed perfectly into what looked a crowded penalty area.

It was not too crowded for McKie, though.

He hit a shot like a blast from a gun and that was the game



JOHN DAVIES

wrapped up in Melita's favour.

While McKie took the goalscoring honours, the man of the match was his team-mate John Davies.

Davies did a lot of grafting in the midfield but also produced two tremendous long-range shots in the first half which each deserved a goal.

Davies' first brought a good save out of goalkeeper Barry Hoare and his next effort rattled the Blacktown crossbar.

Davies is not renowned as a goalscorer but those two shots indicated he might have a future in the front line!

Raul Blanco, Melita coach, was relieved to get the two points safely in his keeping after some recent poor results.

"We badly need that victory," said Blanco.

There were celebrations all round in winning dressing room but it was a different story in the Blacktown room.

Coach Casey Bruin looked a worried man. Not surprising, with his team in the bottom half of the table and a massive points behind leaders.

But Blacktown was not that bad. They had a couple of chances in the game but longer it went on the more Melita looked sure winners.

PARRAMATTA MELITA: Hummel, McAuslane, Tredinnick, McGilchrist, Wilson, Jamieson, Davies, Griffiths, Liddell, McKie, Allan.

BLACKTOWN DEMONS: Hoare, Skellern, Dunleavy, Pointer, Vage, Byrne, Quarrie (Mountford 77), O'Connor, Saunderson (Thornthwaite 65).

REFEREE: Davies.

CROWD: 1,200.

LEWIS PRODUCES A GEM

BY DAVID BECK

GREEN GULLY forward Paul Lewis broke his goalscoring drought to give his team a 2-1 win over West Adelaide.

Although the result was quite pleasing for Gully's coach Bobby McLachlan the performance of his team left a lot to be desired.

Paul Wade gave the home team the lead after the 27th minute.

West Adelaide levelled the score after 38 minutes with a shot

from within the area, after Konstantopoulos had floated the ball inside the area from the left.

Paul Lewis sealed the game after 67 minutes with one of his explosive runs.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, McLelland, Mancinelli, Cannell, Wil-

liams, Vassallo, Wade, Smart, McGuinness, Lewis, Carter.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sprout, Hiern, McGregor, McGachey, Honeyman, Papadopoulos (Mousoulis 79), Panagis, Manou, Brown, Malavazos (Kritikos 78), Konstantopoulos.

REFEREE: E. Venios.

CROWD: 600.

GREAT STUFF, PENRITH

PENRITH CITY's young, aggressive team pulled out a fine performance to draw 0-0 with runaway NSL leaders Sydney City.

The Panthers were praised for their effort by Slickers coach Eddie Thomson, who refused to use the poor surface of Cook Park as an excuse for dropping a point.

BY BRAD EARL

In the first half, Sydney City showed their skills, but in fact the best chance of the half went to Penrith.



David Hale

Sydney City's best chance of the match was a John Kosmina header which went wide in the 59th minute. That was virtually the only time he managed to beat Penrith stopper Dave McIntosh, who blotted the Soccerroo striker out of the game.

Five minutes later, Sydney City centre-back Alex Robertson was sent off bringing Hunter down. Robertson was shown

the yellow card for a foul minutes earlier.

Ian Hunter, reinstated to the forward line in place of suspended Roy Cotton, went closest to scoring with four minutes of the game remaining, but his low left-foot shot, which had beaten Pezzano, was cleared off the

goal-line by Slickers full-back Jimmy Cant.

In a good all-round effort from Penrith, their two stars were defenders — stopper McIntosh and 18-year-old left-back David Hale.

PENRITH CITY: Gibson, Brogan, Hale, Cross, McIntosh;

Wotherspoon, Campbell, Fitzharris (Daley 70); Easthorpe, Jackson, Hunter.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Cant, de Marigny, Robertson, O'Connor; Gomez, Watson, Barnes, Lee (Kay 82), Kosmina, Fletcher (Murray 70).

REFEREE: T. Davies.

CROWD: 507.

ONE ERROR AND MATCH LOST!

BY GREG RUSSELL

MELBOURNE CROATIA maintained its bold challenge for National League honours with a thrilling 1-0 win over Brisbane City at Spencer Park.

Both teams approached the match with a commitment to attack and it was only an unfortunate mistake by Brisbane City defender Frank Liddell that gave Croatia their 79th minute winner.

The move began with a strong run down the right by winger Josip Biskic, who had proved to be a handful for the City defence.

Biskic shook off his shadow marker Ken Swan and played a low cross into the penalty area. Liddell uncharacteristically missed clearing the ball and it carried through for David Brogan.

The Croatia goal ace

fired his shot low but City keeper Kim Wishart made a brilliant save with his legs.

But to Wishart's dismay the ball rebounded into the path of Robert Markovac to tuck away.

Although the match finished 1-0, the scoreline could have seen up to three goals for each side.

Wishart was superb in denying Croatia several opportunities in the first half.

Brisbane City watched one attempt go wide with the goal unguarded and another was well saved by Peter Blasby.

Croatia, whose pre-

sented form allows them the luxury of leaving National "B" team player Peter Lewis and former Soccerroo Jim Campbell on the bench, were always threatening to control in the second half when they began to attack City down the flanks.

Up till then, City had held a slight upper hand with midfielder Frank Pimblett marshalling play in the centre of the park.

But the home team never had the power up front to force home their early advantage.

The result continued City's run of outs at Spencer Park. The team, which until last

year, had a form home record, has only once at Spencer Park this year twice in the past months.

Coach Joe Gilbaffled to find a re-

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Mengotti (72), Milovancevic, Liddell, Bromley, Swan, Pimblett, O'May, Hughes (65), Gloc.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby, Curcio, Deankovic, Hantolovic, Mar Biskic, Gojevic (80), Brogan, C.

REFEREE: Nugent.

CROWD:

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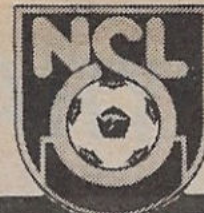
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WOLVES SHOW THEIR TEETH

BY PHIL MURPHY

TWO goals down after just 14 minutes, Wollongong City staged a fighting recovery to beat Brisbane Lions 3-2 at Towradgi Park.

The meagre crowd of 437 was treated to an early goal feast with both sides scoring twice in a five-minute spell after Ray Junna had given Brisbane the lead.

His goal came in the 13th minute after Wollongong goalkeeper Ron Tilsed failed to gather an Alan Niven corner and Junna put the ball away.

A minute later, Joe Cairney made it 2-0 and the home team appeared likely to be on the receiving end of another hiding.

Suddenly, striker Peter Kotamanidis had Wolves right back in the game with two quick goals as the Lions defence opened up badly.

The first came after Peter Beggs provided the lead-up with a perfect pass; then full-back John Fleming took a free-kick to pave the way for number two.

After this flurry, there were no more goals until the 80th minute when Beggs scored from the penalty spot to put Wollongong ahead for the first time.

Referee Rex Leighton awarded the spot-kick after full-back Bob McSkimming held back Kotamanidis when the youngster seemed certain to complete his hat-trick.

Leighton, a product of the Wollongong referees, was making his NSL debut and gave a polished performance.

The return of Larry Gaffney to the midfield made a big difference to Wollongong, while Fleming played well at the back.

Brisbane Lions looked a very ordinary side after doing all the early damage, and it was difficult to imagine how they could have beaten St George just a week earlier.

WOLLONGONG: Tilsed, Green, Vlietstra, Dickson, Fleming, Gaffney, Bundalo, Hristovski, Kerr, Beggs, Kotamanidis.

BRISBANE LIONS: Farrow, Jackson, McSkimming, Hunter, Niven, Vasquez, J. Stewart, Cairney, McDonagh, Junna (Anderson 79), Daunt.

REFEREE: R. Leighton.

CROWD: 437.



Wollongong City's goalscorers in action against Brisbane Lions — Peter Beggs (front) and Peter Kotamanidis (rear)

NO COLUSSO BUT MARCONI HOME

BY KEITH GILMOUR

INVITED guest Renato Colusso was just a spectator as Marconi inflicted a 4-1 defeat on St George, which must limit the current champions' title aspirations.

Colusso's clearance failed to materialise from his new Italian third division club Salernitana of Naples and now he must return to Italy.

He was however particularly impressed by Craig Mason's display and the work put in by David Lowe.

"The Marconi side has a lot of talent and with the right handling, I can see Lowe going places," he said.

Mason's display was of the highest order as he won possession, handled the close work immaculately and fed his forwards.

Lowe, despite a concussion beside his knee which was a legacy of a solid David Ratcliffe tackle, turned on the skill to worry the Saints defence.

The game produced a good pattern early but it deteriorated somewhat as Marconi managed to stamp their dominance on affairs.

Mark Jankovics and Peter Sharne scored for Marconi and Robbie Slater for St George in the first half. Then a snappy Tom McCulloch penalty wrapped up matters after Rod Brown found himself the ham in the sandwich as Ratcliffe and David Skeen bore down on him.

Slater blasted the ball well over the bar when he had his chance to bring the Saints back into the picture.

Ratcliffe pressed forward to sharpen St George's attack but in the end it was Tony Henderson who broke through to net with a low shot past Warwick Young.

MARCONI: James, Carter (Mariani 72), Rizzotto (Spanos 53), McCulloch, Henderson, Calderan, Mason, Lowe, Brown, Jankovics, Sharne.

ST GEORGE: Young, Skeen, Danaskos, Ricoy, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Slater, Stone, Koczka, J.O'Shea, Batten (Petkovski 67).

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

CROWD: 1,411.

PATIKAS PLUNDERS CROATIA

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

WORLD Youth Championship midfielder Jimmy Patikas, assisted by Australian international striker, Marshall Soper, cracked two glorious first-half goals, to earn Sydney Olympic a 2-0 victory over Sydney Croatia at Pratten Park.

Croatia kicked off the match with import Zeljko Jurin and Bernie Godzik as a twin-pronged attack, backed by midfielders Wally Savor, Graham Arnold, Steve Meades and David Rezo.

But Sydney Olympic attacked with Soper, Nick Theodorakopoulos and Peter Katholos, leaving only three midfielders behind in Patikas, Peter Raskopoulos and Gary Phillips.

Olympic's plus-man in defence, Tony Dakos, made his long-awaited comeback, replacing ever-reliable Mike Coady, who was out with an injury.

Dakos had a strong match, especially in the first half, both in defence and attack. However, many of his crusades up front broke down due to some selfish play by two team-mates who failed to "feed" the giant libero as he ran into gaps.

More selfish play starved Soper of ball-service, but not disheartened, Soper rather than being a finisher, switched to constructive play, setting up both goals for Patikas.

Graham Jennings busted away in the 36th minute, cut infield and tore deep into Croatia's territory.

Finding his path blocked on the edge of the box, Jennings knocked it wide right to Soper who cut the ball back to Patikas, who crashed a thunderous drive on to the post and into the net.

Seconds before half-time, Soper was there again.

Katholos' shot deflected off a defender and bounced high to Soper, who headed back to Patikas racing up in support.

Patikas nailed a cracking first-time left-footed drive, to put Sydney Olympic two-up.

The second half saw Olympic become ragged, whereas Croatia looked more composed as Nelio Borges came on for Jurin.

Croatia slowly threw more men forward, but lacked again a big man up-front to hit and spearhead any real penetration.

Croatia's back-four of Woods, Sterrey, Vidaic and Tomasich looked very sturdy, but the midfield lacked imagination and enterprise, with Savor surprisingly having a quiet game.

A dejected Croatia coach Harry Noon said: "We lack confidence and the breaks didn't go our way."

"It is only a matter of time. A little more confidence and belief in ourselves will see a different story."

"We have too many good players not to achieve good results from now on," he concluded.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Rogers (Koussas 73), Lambropoulos, Dakos, Jennings; Patikas, Raskopoulos, Phillips; Soper, Theodorakopoulos, Katholos.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson; Woods, Sterrey, Vidaic, Tomasich; Savor, Arnold, Rezo, Meades (Boden 85); Jurin (Borges 45), Godzik.

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Larry Gaffney, a key man for the Wolves, is challenged by Brisbane Lions midfielder John Stewart

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BIG CHANGES IN CHINESE SOCCER

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE Socceroos will take the High Road to China when they blast off on their world tour in November.

In the style befitting a successful football team — and no one can deny Australia this honour after their mammoth efforts in the World Soccer Series — the Australian party will jet into Peking in the first week of November.

This is indeed a different entry from the 1979 tour when the Aussies took the Low Road to China and entered the Peoples Republic by train from Hong Kong.

However if Frank Arok and his Socceroos can achieve the same success as Rudi Gutendorf and his 1979 Socceroos, it will indeed be a happy visit and a successful start to their world venture.

I went with Australia to China in 1979 for a triumphant undefeated seven-match tour through the Peoples Republic and Taiwan.

It was an unforgettable trip that did Australian Soccer proud.

The Australian squad for that tour was: GOALKEEPERS: Greg Woodhouse, Martyn Crook; DEFENDERS: Ivo Prskalo, Tony Henderson, Bobby Russell, Jim Tansey, Steve Perry, Arno Bertogna and Kevin Mullen; MID-FIELDERS: Jimmy Rooney (captain), Ken Boden, Joe Senkalski, John Coyne; STRIKERS: John Nyskohus, Tommy Cumming, Peter Sharne, Gary Cole, Phil O'Connor, Mark

Jankovic and Eddie Krncevic.

The Socceroos opened their tour in Peking with a 3 - 1 win and a 2 - 2 draw, moved on to Shanghai for 3 - 2 and 3 - 0 wins before ending up in Canton to win 1 - 0.

Then on to Taiwan for 7 - 1 and 2 - 0 victories.

The opposition in the Peoples Republic was from "state selections" and not the official China national team.

However the performance of the Socceroos should in no way be belittled as some of the "State" line-ups were really the Chinese national team in disguise.

All the matches were played in an ultra-professional manner with total commitment from both sides.

The tackling was at times bone crunching and every game was like a cup final.

There will be no

change in the approach to the matches in this coming tour although the opposition will be entirely different — much better prepared, with more technique and know-how than in 1979.

I watched the Chinese Youth team in the World Youth Championship in Mexico last year and also saw their senior team down the Socceroos in the Merlion Cup in Singapore in December.

I am sure it won't be long before we see a team from the Peoples Republic of China in the World Cup Finals — for my money, Mexico 1986.

In 1979 there were aspects of China's play that were naive.

They had big problems with their goal-keeping technique and their physical stature: their ability to handle physical play left much to be desired.

In the space of four years they have rectified these deficiencies.

Their goalkeepers are excellent and their technique as good as any in this part of the world.

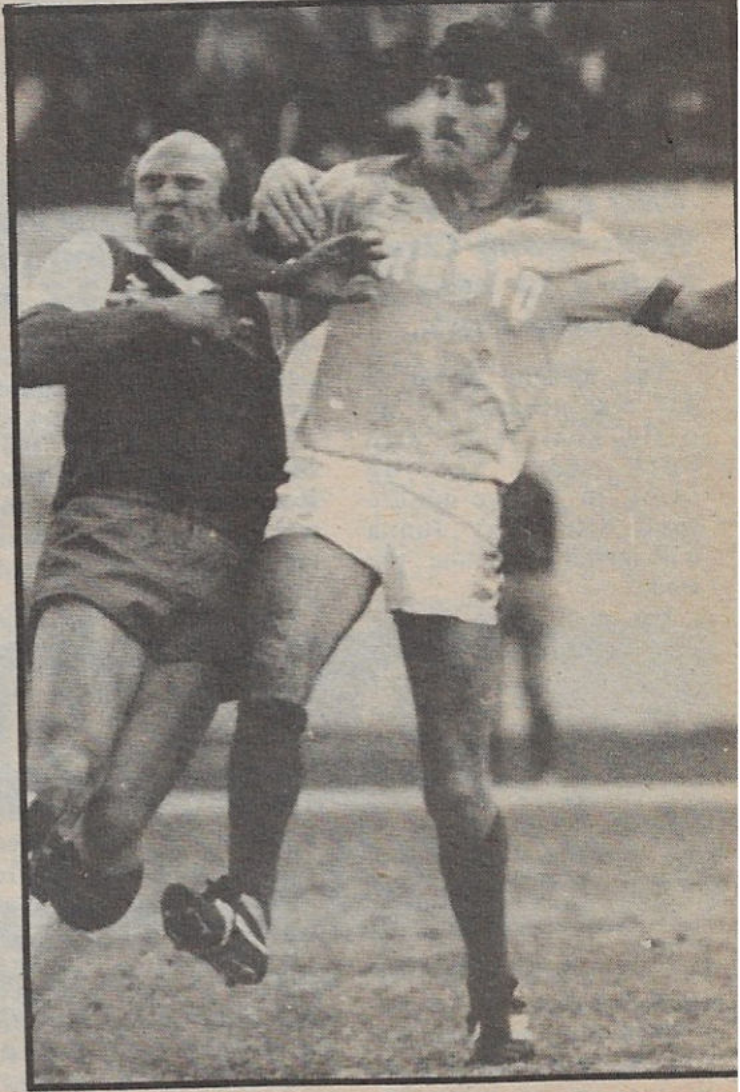
As far as their physi-

cal stature and physical play is concerned, it is simply amazing the change that's happened.

The China team at the Merlion Cup comprised a number of players

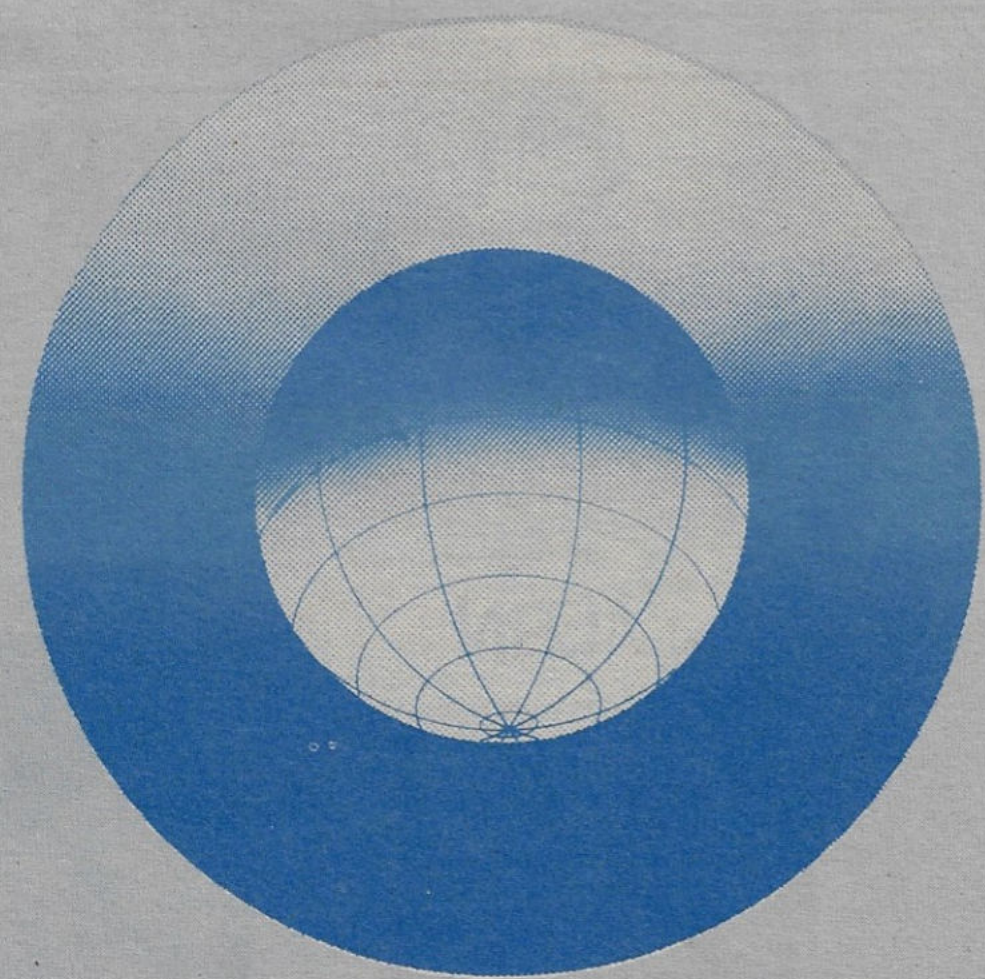
over the 6ft mark and they tackled like a British first division outfit.

Their technique and skill has always been good and with the new dimension added their makeup they are



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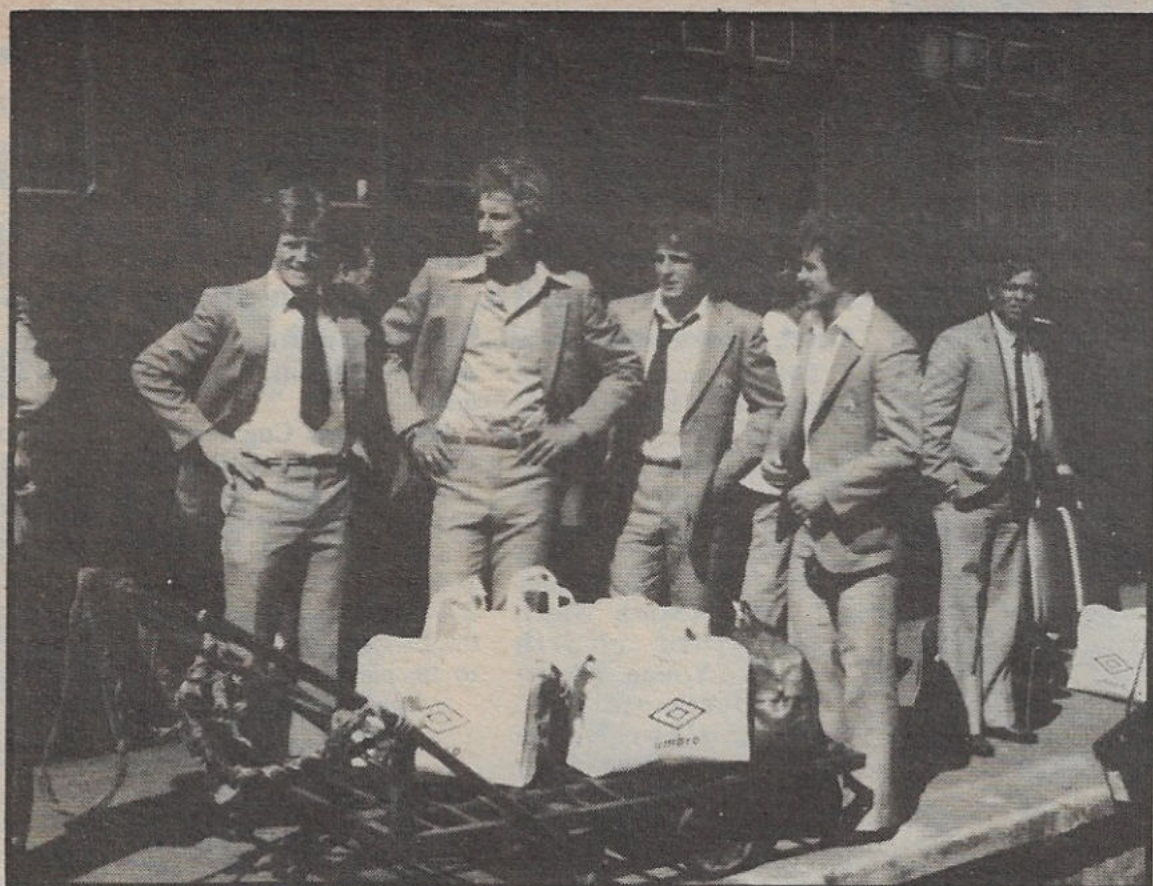
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certainly a fine side. This all adds up to the hell of a series that will be beamed back to Australia live by Channel 0-28 in November. This Australia v China series is a winner and the Australia-China Council, the sponsors Ampol, the Australian Government, the ASF and the China Sports Council must be congratulated for bringing it in being. When nations such as ourselves and the Peoples Republic of China get together in such a venture, nothing good can come of it. Not only does it foster good relations between

AR LEFT: ASW's **m Anderson in Chi-** **with former nation-** **coach Rudi Guten-** **erf and Socceroos** **il O'Connor, John** **ayne and Arno Ber-** **gna.**

FT: One of the 1979 **urists — Ken Boden.** **OVE RIGHT: Bobby** **ssell, Tony Hender-** **n, John Coyne and** **il O'Connor — four** **Australia's repre-** **sentatives on the** **t China tour.**



the two countries, it also helps the development of football. Ted Harris the chairman of Ampol, who are sponsoring the series to the tune of \$50,000 told me he envisaged the series developing into a Soccer "Ashes" between the two countries. The potential is unlimited — especially with the Peoples Republic opening its doors to more and more visitors every day. The matches in China will be all-action affairs made for good television viewing. National coach Frank Arok has already done his homework on the Chinese team and real-

ises it will be no picnic. This is what our team needs and they are well equipped to handle anything that will come their way. Arok and national team manager Andrew Lederer have a start against China, as the Chinese are football students of the Hungarian school — of which our men are fully conversant. As far as conditions in the Peoples Republic are concerned, I have been reliably informed by Dr Jocelyn Chey of the Australia-China Council that anyone who has not visited Peking since 1979 is in for a surprise.

New hotels have sprung up, tourism and with it commercialism has really arrived and the Bamboo Curtain image has been shattered forever. This all augurs well for the Socceroo visit in November which should really be the start of a new episode in the development of Australian Soccer and Australia-China sporting relations. FOOTNOTE: ASF executive director Brian Emery and 0-28 Producer John Rowley left for a visit to Peking on Sunday to inspect conditions and finalise negotiations for the series.

THOMSON IS WARY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

EDDIE Thomson, the Sydney City coach, is expecting a big challenge from Sydney Olympic at the Athletic Field on Sunday.

Sydney City defeated Olympic 2-1 in a rough and tumble first round match, but for Sunday will be handicapped and are without midfielder Geraldo Gomez and free-back Alex Robertson, both out

suspended. Paul Kay will come into the side to fill Gomez's position, whilst Jimmy Cant will partner big Steve O'Connor as a second-stopper. Ean Rodrigues will come into the side

at right-back. Thomson said: "Olympic must be considered a threat. Their large crowd support is a tremendous boost for their team. We will be flat out holding them."

"Another thing which worries me is that Jimmy Patikas is scoring lately. He got another two last Sunday."

No fewer than 11 Australian internationals will be on display for this game. Sydney has Pezzano, Kosmina, O'Connor, Watson, and Cant, whilst Sydney Olympic have Soper, Patikas, Dakos, Katholos, Raskopoulos and Jennings.

Thomson has his sights set on his fourth NSL championship in five years, and has Sydney City on top of the Australian Conference with a four point break over second placed Leichhardt.

Olympic are third and trail Sydney City by five points. They will look for big performances from match-winners Marshall Soper, Jimmy Patikas and Tony Dakos.

Olympic have scored 30 goals so far this season, 13 fewer than their opponents. The Olympic defence has conceded 16 goals, seven more than the Slickers.

WORLD SERIES — THE EVENT

By JOHN ECONOMOS

WORLD SERIES SOCCER, the recently-held spectacular staged in Australia, which Channel 0-28 Network covered with 11 live telecasts, has now been packaged and will be presented by the Network in a Special.

Channel 0-28 will screen a memorable recap in a programme titled, "World Soccer Series — The Event" to be screened as a 90 minute Special, premiering next Thursday, July 19 at 10.10pm.

The programme, hosted by Les Murray, will highlight a mixture of news, interviews and clips from all the matches involving the teams of Australia, Nottingham Forest, Iraklis, Manchester United, Glasgow Rangers and the Italian champion side, Juventus.

"World Soccer Series The Event," is a valuable insight into an event which has changed forever the style of Soccer in this country and opened a new era in sporting tournaments.

Plans are already underway for a similar Series here next year, which could see Greek side Panathinaikos, Liverpool and South America's Estudiantes; the Australian public is already anxious to sample more of the international matches here.

This is a Soccer television production not to be missed.

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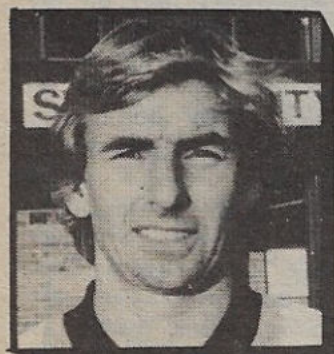


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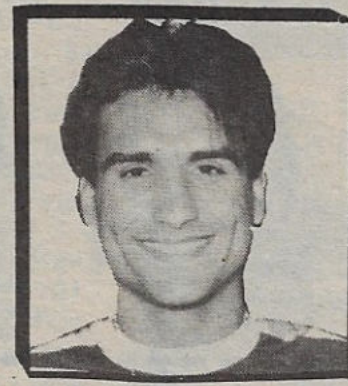
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NEW BLOOD FOR NSW

THERE are six newcomers in the New South Wales women's State squad.

The 18 members come from six associations in the NSW Women's Federation.

They are: from Gladesville-Hornsby: R. Ingham, J. Byers, S. O'Donnell, L. Wardell, C. Vinson. Manly-Warringah: V. Salmons, M. Petrov, M. Langlar, R. Withers, K. Theile. St George: R. Van Bruinessen, M. Russell, K. Lembryk, T. McCann, C. Heydon. Sutherland: Lynn Olsen. Holroyd: T. Wheeler. South Coast: S. Fieldsend.

Girls to train on: S. Baird from Blacktown, M. Hannagan from Manly, and former Australian goalkeeper Toni McMahon, from St George.

VICTORIAN STATE SQUAD

THE senior Victorian State squad is:

Andrea Martin, Kim Busuttio (Nunawading), Theresa Jones, Nichole Holding, Kate Warren-Smith, Mandy Rashleigh, Jacky Davis, (Dandenong), Jane Oakley, Jan Frost, Debbie Nichols (North Dandenong), Tracey Singleton, Janine McPhee (Box Hill), Cheryl Elvey, Tracey Hodge, Shona Bass, (Greensborough), Tracey Hoar (Wat-

NSW State squad members in action — Rose van Bruinessen goes high for the ball, watched by team-mates Cindy Heydon (No 7) and Kim Lembryk (right) in a game against Sutherland

KU-RING-GAI CUP REACHES THE QUARTER-FINALS

THE State-wide Ku-ring-gai Soccer Cup for girls has now reached the final 16, reports Combined High Schools Assistant convenor Sue McNamara.

The schools involved and their educational regions are: Warners Bay (Hunter), Orara (North Coast), The Entrance (North Sydney), Cumberland (Met West), Wallsend (Hunter), Oxley (North West), Carlingford (North Sydney), Young (Western), Heathcote (Met East), Cabramatta (Liverpool), Bomaderry (South Coast), Murray (Riverina), Sir Joseph Banks (Liverpool), Dapto (South Coast), Blacktown Girls (Met West), and Kirrawee (Met East).

The Ku-ring-gai Cup final has again been set down as a double-header with the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup final. Both will be played at Marconi Stadium under floodlights on August 15.

Ku-ring-gai Cup results: Orara 3 Warners Bay 2; The Entrance 3 Cumberland 1; Heathcote 4 Cabramatta 0; St Joseph Banks 7 Dapto 2; Kirrawee 2 Blacktown 0; Bomaderry v Murray to be played.

Metropolitan West host the Girls Inter-Regional Soccer Carnival at Ashley Brown Reserve, Seven Hills, from today to Thursday.

From the players will come the NSW team to play ACT at Marconi Stadium on August 2-3.

HUNTER CHS SELECTION

HUNTER will be represented by a strong party at the NSW CHS regional titles at Seven Hills this week.

The squad, under manager-coach Denise Collins, is:

Debra Boushore, Melinda Bailey, Kim

Searant, Tanya White, Susan Meek (Gateshead), Lisa Freeman, Joy Wyatt (Warners Bay), Alison Foreman (Raymond Terrace), Jane Horn, Beverley Williams (Cessnock), Julie Gain (Swansea), Renee House (Wallsend), Cathy Haines (Morrisset), Lisa Dunne (Glen-dale), Helen Watts (Merewether).

IN DEFENCE OF ADMINISTRATORS

WHEN the officials are volunteers, you have to take the good with the bad.

Elaine Watson, president of the Australian Women's Soccer Association and secretary of the Oceania group of

women Soccer players, was prompted in her remarks when I asked her to comment on the excellent articles on the Australian players by John Economos in ASW.

It was certainly educational to read the comment of the players towards the folk administering the sport, Mrs Watson remarked.

"I only wish that more of them would come forward and let us know their views on the matter," she said.

Mrs Watson continued by saying that the series made very enjoyable and informative reading and did a lot towards publicising the many positive aspects of women's Soccer.

10 years, I take to heart quite seriously the remarks obtained from the Australian players, but in doing so I am enlightened as to how little the average women's Soccer player knows of the administrator's role in the sport."

I suggested to her that this position was not just confined to Soccer but to amateur sport generally.

Elaine conceded that this could be so but said that even if some of it was coloured by personal encounters with individual administrators at other levels, it nevertheless served to "tar us all with the same brush."

Criticise

"If it was possible to have a 'grouch column' for administrators of other sports, not just Soccer, I am sure that two topics would be continually raised.

"Firstly, the players and spectators who continually criticise and blame officials and umpires/referees, yet are reluctant to obtain the necessary qualifications to make their criticisms sound.

"Also players who blame their administrators without having the slightest concept of the workload involved and the hours of voluntary toil put in by these people.

"Despite their best efforts, they are continually being subjected to ingratitude and criticism from the very people they are trying to assist.

"When you have volunteered officials, you have to take the good with the bad and although interested and willing, they may not al-

ways be capable and volunteers are becoming fewer and fewer," Mrs Watson said.

"It has been said that there should be more professionalism in the administration and this is fine, and I agree entirely. However, you make a suit according to the amount of cloth you have.

"There are some sporting organisations with thousands more members than the AWSA who employ professional administrators. They charge their players higher fees to be able to do this and, by doing so, expect competence from those hired to do the job.

"There is another old saying, 'for peanuts, you get monkeys' and that must apply in the case of smaller organisations. Until the players are prepared to pay, then they should accept the contributions we 'monkeys' make to the code."

"Every administrator will have heard the hackneyed phrase, 'Why don't THEY?'

Convinced

Why don't they let the games be played on the wet pitch? Why don't they put the match on earlier? Why don't they get their act together?

And it comes more than likely from players or coaches who are quite convinced that the administrators are running the game to suit their own convenience and have no interest in the players.

I have seen "glory-hunting officials" scouring the rubbish bins around the grounds after the players have left for the odd aluminium can to help the club buy equipment for the players.

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Canberra	14	7	2	5	29	23	16
Newcastle	12	6	4	2	17	12	16
Blacktown	15	7	2	6	18	22	16
Sydney City	13	6	1	6	30	20	13
Olympic	14	6	1	7	33	26	13
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Wollongong	14	2	1	11	18	39	5

LEICHHARDT SNEAK IN

BY PETER RUSSELL

WITH Leichhardt the only top team in the National Youth League to take a point, the leap-frogging for the lead continued, with the Strikers going to the top and pushing the Saints and the Eagles back.

The boys from the Australian Institute of Sport crept into the top four with a comfortable 3-1 win over the Wolves down at the 'Gong. Newcastle slipped from fourth spot as they did not play at the weekend.

Best win of the day went to the Demons, who caned the high-flying Eagles on their own territory by 3-1.

Marconi also had a good win over the Saints 3-1, whilst in the other matches the Slickers had a comfortable 3-0 victory over the Panthers and a disappointing Olympic struggled to a 1-1 draw with the improving Croatia.

At Henson Park, neither Leichhardt nor Canberra looked capable of scoring a goal in an uninspiring game.

After a goalless first half, it was only after a penalty attempt by Andrew Young had been saved by keeper Bob Catlin that Manis Lamond put away the rebound.

The Strikers levelled late in the second half when Jim Ziras got his foot to a 50-50 ball to poke it home from six metres.

In a tough encounter at Marconi which produced plenty of good football from both sides and plenty of goal-mouth action, the lowly-placed Marconi side knocked the Saints of their lofty perch.

Michael Grbevski opened the scoring for the Saints in the fifth minute and they held that lead until the break.

DOUBLE HEADER

TOMORROW (Wednesday night) there will be a Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup double header at Speers Point, Macquarie Field, Newcastle.

The first game starts at 6.30pm between Jesmond and Howard Kendall while the second game features Whitebridge and the winner of a deferred game between Greystanes and Epping, which will be played today (Tuesday).

But the second half was only six minutes old when the Leopards hit the front through Alfredo Carmona and Geoff Gunning (two).

At Cook Park, the Panthers put up some stout resistance in the first 45 minutes, but finally gave in to a workmanlike Slickers who never let up on the pressure.

The Slickers goals came from Ean Rodrigues and John Foxman.

Socceroo Tommy McCulloch's younger brother George led the Blacktown Demons to an upset victory over Melita Eagles. Young George set the Demons on the right track with goals in the seventh and 35th minutes.

Eagles substitute Darren Beecroft brought Melita back within striking distance in the 80th minute, but John Larkin made sure for the Demons in the 88th minute.

JESMOND ON TOP

JESMOND HIGH School's Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup team members suprised even their own supporters as they swept to a 5-1 win over North West Champions Tamworth High at Austral Park.

For the first ten minutes, the game was fairly even although Tamworth held a slight territorial advantage. Then, following a rather scrappy build up Troy Mitchell was on hand to slot home Jesmond's first goal.

Late in the half, two blatant hand ball offences saw Peter Caban (brother of Tony) slam them to the right of Tamworth's custodian John Lewis.

Seconds after the break, David Allen reduced the lead with an almost solo effort. All through the first half his team had played the ball to him almost monotonously which allowed the Jesmond defence to cover him effectively.

David is a good all round sportsman. As well as Soccer, he also represents in Rugby Union, I was disappointed when he tossed in the towel midway through the second half.

Jesmond wrapped it up in the second half with two more goals from Jason Hemson and Andrew Tonks. Jesmond, for the first seventy minutes exhibited no stars, but every boy did his job well.

Jesmond 5 (Caban 2, Mitchell, Hemson, Tonks) d Tamworth 1 (Allen). Austral Park, Birmingham Gardens. Referee: Mr N. Jones.

JESMOND: Phillip Roberts, Peter Caban, John Presbury, Tim Lang, Adrian Brunette, Anthony Baj, Scott Nix, Darren Mewett, Paul

Finch, Troy Mitchell, Jason Hemson. Reserves: Andrew Tonks, Anthony Murnain, Richard Stock. COACH: Mr N. Stone. MANAGER: Mr S. Outram.

TAMWORTH: John Lewis, Brett Wales, Norm Lockett, Mark Hachen, Garry Pinc-hain, Brian Pearson, Ricky Schrumme, Bob Foster, David Allen, Darren Missen, Jason Wales. Reserves: Glen Ford, Michael Carter. MANAGER/COACH: Mr J. McSkimming.

—Bill Turner



Kadina's Paul Foster



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SOLITARY GOAL SINKS KADINA

A SNAP goal in the first half by Bernard Ryan was all that separated Whitebridge and Kadina in their Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup match played at Whitebridge Oval.

The match had been postponed from the previous night at Macquarie Field where a triple header programme had been scheduled including Turner Cup and Ku-ring-gai Cup games.

To compensate, the principal agreed for the Whitebridge students to see the match next day. Over one thousand students and adults attended the game to see the locals run out victors.

It was a classic encounter from two evenly balanced sides. Led by CHS player Paul Foster, Kadina were quickly into their stride and a glorious Foster drive hit the cross bar, bounced down, but not over the goal-line.

It took Whitebridge ten minutes to hit its straps and shortly after Ryan put the home side ahead. A strong wind aided Whitebridge but they could not penetrate the solid Kadina defence.

In the second half Kadina was expected to capitalise on the wind but apart from three speculative shots early on and one very late, the opportunity passed

without gain. Whitebridge: Rod Smith, Rod Bridges, Jason Murray, Craig Toyne, Warwick Maher, Paul White, Steve Allanby, Darren Mitten, Reece Collin, Bernard Ryan, David Moor.

Kadina: Richard Beadworth, Dean Gil-

christ, Alan Cavanagh, Glyn Strong, Glen Gilchrist, Scott Munn, Mark Mathews, Paul Foster, Len Bloc, Craig Foster, Anthony Molyneux.

Whitebridge 1 (B. Ryan) d Kadina 0.

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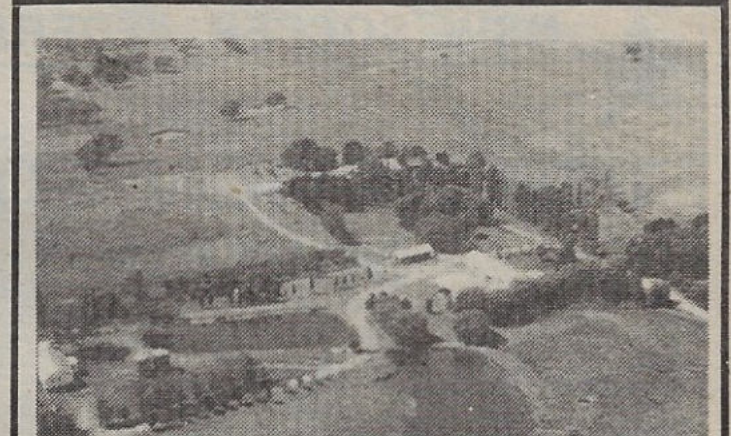
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NOWAK SCORES THE WINNER

VOTEK NOWAK emerged the hero in Polonia's surprise 1-0 win over Manly.

Nowak, who stood out in a fine team effort, scored the vital goal in the 30th minute.

Prior to this goal, the Polonia defence had withstood enormous pressure from consistent Manly raids.

Manly have themselves to blame for not winning.

They created enough

goalscoring opportunities but lacked finishing power in front of goal. Mark Holloway was sorely missed from the Manly frontline.

Ricky Van Den Berg, Polonia's young midfielder, did a fine job in "tagging" experienced Manly counterpart Tom Steven.

RICKY BUDINI, signed from National Soccer League club Marconi earlier this year, scored Avala's winning goal against Ku-ring-gai with only 11 minutes remaining.

Budini, well supported by experienced midfielder Richie Williams,

rose high on the far post to head home a well-flighted Nicola Duvnjak free-kick.

Ku-ring-gai created enough opportunities to win — particularly in the first half.

Craig Bass and Glen Jefferey both fired attempts over the bar in the 13th and 15th minutes respectively. This didn't deter Bass and an attempt at goal in the 20th minute was well saved by the Avala goalie.

Bennett almost broke the deadlock in the 41st minute but his shot at the open Avala goal was headed away metres off the line by Budini.

IN losing 1-0 to Sutherland away from home, Auburn have slipped three points away from a position in the top four.

This would rate as one of Sutherland's most important wins.

Sutherland quickly moved into stride scoring after only eight minutes.

A build-up on the left involving Hargraves, Stoddart and Groome was confidently struck home by Rogers.

In the 26th minute Sutherland had the opportunity to move further into the lead but a penalty attempt by Groome, after Webber had been fouled, was brilliantly saved by Rosano.

During the second half Auburn played well, pushing forward at every chance but found the Sutherland defence difficult to penetrate.

ROCKDALE Ilinden remain at the top of the ladder after beating Canterbury-Marrickville 3-1 but have paid the price for this win.

Former Socceroo defender Paul Degney was sent from the field for the first time in his career in the 88th minute and will miss this weekend's important clash against Sutherland.

First choice goalie Nick Kotschambous looks certain to miss the rest of the season after breaking his cheekbone.

Rockdale raced to a 3-0 lead after only 24 minutes with Trajanovski, Degney and Brown scoring.

Canterbury, who sacked experienced and reliable coach John Xipolitis during the week, fought hard in the second half and were rewarded with a goal through Dounnis.

INTER-MONARO, determined to get promoted into the NSL next year, unearthed an exciting and skilful Argentinian import in their 2-0 win over Warringah-Narrabeen away at the Narrabeen Fitness Camp.

Although Monaro led through a Walter Valeri goal in the 37th minute, it took until the injury time in the second half for the visitors to seal their victory.

Argentinian midfielder Gabriel Wilke entered the game in the 73rd minute and sparked Monaro into attack with his fine ball skills and pin-point distribution.

It was Wilke who provided Tony Brennan with a perfect pass to score Monaro's second goal.

During the second period, Warringah displayed their attacking ability and attempts by Billy Bulloch in the 62nd and 73rd minutes were brilliantly saved by the Monaro keeper.

NSW TABLES

DIV 1 - GDE 1

Rockdale	16	10	4	2	32	15	24
Monaro	16	9	5	2	48	21	23
Manly	16	7	7	2	28	11	21
S'land	16	8	5	3	25	13	21
Auburn	16	6	6	4	14	13	18
C-M'le	16	5	5	6	17	28	15
K'gal	16	4	6	6	20	26	15
Polonia	16	4	5	7	14	22	13
Avala	16	4	5	7	22	33	13
Yugal	16	3	5	8	24	24	11
W'gah	16	3	4	9	17	31	10
B'stown	16	2	5	9	14	33	9

DIV 1 - GDE 2

K'gal	16	11	3	2	36	10	25
C-M'le	16	11	2	3	35	18	24
Manly	16	10	3	3	40	17	23
S'land	16	9	3	4	40	18	21
Rockdale	16	8	3	5	35	25	19
B'kstown	16	8	2	6	28	25	18
Auburn	16	6	5	5	25	23	17
W'gah	16	6	4	6	21	24	16
Monaro	16	4	1	11	19	40	9
Avala	16	4	1	10	13	35	8
Polonia	16	2	4	11	15	38	6
Yugal	16	2	2	12	9	43	6

DIV 1 - GDE 3

Polonia	13	11	0	2	38	12	22
C-M'le	15	10	2	3	33	15	22
S'land	14	9	3	2	38	19	21
Manly	15	10	1	4	28	16	21
Auburn	14	8	1	5	34	20	17
B'kstown	15	7	2	6	24	21	16
Rockdale	15	5	0	10	17	37	10
Yugal	14	5	0	9	17	38	10
W'gah	14	3	2	9	21	31	8
K'gal	14	3	0	11	10	38	6
Avala	15	2	1	12	25	38	5

DIV 2 - GDE 1

Fairy M	15	14	0	1	36	10	28
W'gong M	15	10	4	1	30	10	24
Bathurst	15	10	3	2	33	13	22
Dee Why	15	9	4	2	39	13	22
Norths	15	7	3	5	30	22	17
B'kown U	16	6	4	6	32	20	16
Glad Hby	15	7	2	6	26	18	16
Rev Wks	14	5	4	6	21	18	14
Belmore	15	2	4	9	10	32	8
Pen Utd	15	3	2	10	21	42	8
Parra C	15	3	1	11	26	49	7
Art'mon	16	2	3	11	23	48	7
NSW Uni	15	2	2	11	12	45	6

DIV 2 - GDE 2

B'kown U	16	12	3	1	54	9	27
Dee Why	15	9	4	2	36	12	22
Norths	15	8	4	3	28	19	20
Glad Hby	15	8	3	4	31	20	19
Rev Wks	14	7	4	3	29	14	18
Art'mon	16	6	1	7	37	43	17
Fairy M	15	6	3	6	26	18	15
Pen Utd	15	6	1	8	27	41	13
W'gong M	15	4	4	7	28	31	12
Belmore	15	4	2	9	22	38	9
Bathurst	15	4	1	10	10	35	9
Par City	15	2	4	9	21	38	8
NSW Uni	15	3	0	12	8	39	6

DIV 2 - GDE 3

Belmore	15	13	1	1	59	7	27
B'kown U	16	10	5	1	31	9	25
Pen Utd	15	10	2	3	42	21	22
Glad Hby	15	7	4	4	32	11	18
Bathurst	15	9	0	6	33	21	18
Norths	15	7	2	6	35	22	16
NSW Uni	15	6	3	6	27	18	15
Dee Why	15	6	3	6	21	38	15
Art'mon	16	5	4	7	33	38	14
Parra C	15	5	1	9	18	26	11
Fairy M	15	1	6	8	14	28	8
Rev Wks	14	2	1	11	8	46	5
W'gong M	15	1	0	14	10	78	2

DIV 3 - GDE 1

C City	16	12	2	2	33	9	26
Q Park	16	9	3	4	34	16	21
Bondi	16	8	4	4	29	20	20
B Hills	15	7	3	5	20	26	17
King Tom	16	5	6	5	30	24	16
Mo'bank	15	6	3	6	25	20	15
K'geford	15	7	1	7	23	20	15
Pt Hack	14	6	3	5	27	27	15
Mt Druitt	16	6	2	8	21	29	14
Nth Ryde	16	5	2	9	19	21	12
CSI	16	3	6	7	25	39	12
Lane C	15	1	1	13	13	48	3

DIV 3 - GDE 2

K'ford	15	10	2	3	47	22	22
Bondi	16	9	4	3	38	15	22
Q Park	16	10	2	4	41	21	22
Ctown City	16	9	4	3	34	23	22
CSI	16	9	2	5	32	29	20
Nth Ryde	16	7	4	5	27	22	18
M'bank	15	7	2	6	30	21	16
B Hills	15	6	0	9	30	28	12
King Tom	16	5	2	9	25	41	12
Pt Hack	14	4	3	7	21	28	11
Mt Druitt	16	2	3	11	25	43	7
Lane C	15	0	2	13	11	69	2

DIV 3 - GDE 3

B Hills	15	12	3	0	57	6	27
C City	16	11	3	2	56	16	25
Bondi	16	11	3	2	38	17	25
Pt H'king	16	9	4	3	30	20	22
Mt Druitt	16	10	1	5	42	19	21
M'bank	15	8	2	5	22	27	18
Q Park	16	6	4	6	27	26	16
King Tom	16	6	4	6	21	35	16
K'ford	16	7	0	9	19	31	14
Nth Ryde	16	2	0	14	13	66	4
CSI	16	1	0	15	10	72	2
Lane C	16	0	0	16	0	0	0

INTER 1 - GDE 1

Rty Hill	16	12	2	2	26	6	26
C'twn G	16	11	2	3	39	13	24
Pad Park	16	10	4	2	31	12	24
Weth Pk	16	11	2	3	34	21	24
East SA	16	8	2	6	33	24	18
Fair Klev	16	5	4	7	35	14	18
Syd Uni	16	4	4	8	25	36	12
Nineveh	16	5	2	9	18	37	12
Hurst Z	16	5	1	10	30	38	11
Spanish	15	4	3	8	22	28	11
Mar'bra	16	3	4	9	20	42	10
Wenty	15	1	2	12	11	33	4

INTER 1 - GDE 2

East SA	16	13	1	2	51	16	27
Rooty H	16	11	3	2	54	14	25
Weth Pk	16	11	3	2	41	17	25
Syd Uni	16	8	4	3	45	19	20
Pad Pk	16	7	2	7	30	26	16
Wenty W	15	6	3	6	20	26	15
Spanish	15	5	3	7	22	28	13
Nineveh	15	4	4	7	26	32	12
C'twn G	16	5	4	8	17	28	12
M'bra	16	3	5	8	15	37	11
Hurst Z	15	3	2	10	16	32	8
Fair Klev	16	1	2	13	18	70	4

INTER 2 - GDE 1

West St G	16	9	4	3	38	24	22
Mac Utd	15	9	2	4	30	17	20
Macq Uni	16	8	3	5	23	20	19
Hawks	16	7	4	5	22	20	18
Tras Spts	15	6	5	5	28	20	16
Chile Sps	16	5	6	5	19	13	16
C'cordia	16	7	2	7	21	21	16
Chilesea	16	4	6	6	31	35	14
P'wood	16	5	4	7	13	23	14
Green V	16	4	5	7	19	29	13
West Utd	16	3	6	7	19	32	12
Syd Mac	15	3	4	8	23	32	10

INTER 2 - GDE 2

West St G	16	8	5	3	33	22	21
Hawks	16	7	2	3	32	25	21
Macq Uni	16	7	5	4	42	27	19
Tras Spts	16	6	6	4	26	18	18
Chilesea	15	7	3	5	25	16	17
West Utd	16	6	5	5	24	32	17
P'wood	16	6	4	6	29	25	16
Green V	16	4	7	5	31	30	15
Mac Utd	15	4	5	6	21	22	13
C'cordia	16	5	3	8	24	31	13
Chile Sps	16	5	2	9	27	35	12
Syd Mac	14	2	2	10	12	43	6

INTER 3 - GDE 1

Rosberry	14	10	3	1	40	17	23
L'pool C	14	11	1	2	33	18	23
Dulwich	14	11	0	3	53	20	22
Blktwn W	14	8	3	3	34	26	19
Hab'field	14	4	6	4	30	29	14
Rangers	15	4	4	7	28	30	12
Murray F	14	4	3	7	22	31	11
Robins	15	4	2	9	22	28	10
Smithfld	13	4	2	7	21	30	10
Chullora	15	2	5	8	22	45	9
Nepean R	14	1	1	12	15	46	3

SOCCER AROUND AUSTRALIA

IPSWICH KO'D IN AMPOL CUP

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND Ampol Cup holders Ipswich United have been sensationally knocked out of the competition by Brisbane Lions Intermediate League side.

Ipswich, who have featured in four of the past five Cup finals, were rated favourites to retain the trophy this year, particularly after their 1-0 win over former Premier League leaders and rivals Mount Gravatt the previous week.

But the enthusiastic young Lions, still smarting from their shock relegation from the Premier League after last season's QSF restructuring, had far too much footballing skill for Ipswich.

Former Manchester United youth player Michael Mulvey netted the Lions' winner with a brilliant shot just before half-time.

Ipswich's loss was not to be the only surprise in the Cup double-header at Ebbw Vale.

In the second match, Mount Gravatt seemed to have a mortgage on a semi-final berth when they raced to an early 2-0 lead over Coalstars. But complacency crept into the Hawks' game and not only did Coalstars peg back the two but forged to a 4-2 lead.

With seven minutes left and the score still 4-

2, fans began filing out of the stadium.

Those that left missed what was one of the greatest comebacks of all time.

Mount Gravatt, starting defeat in the face, scored three goals in the final seven minutes to sensationally snatch the Cup-tie 5-4.

"I still can't believe it," was the comment of Mount Gravatt coach Eric Thompson three days after the match.

The other Cup quarter-final double-header at Perry Park produced six goals as Acacia Ridge and North Star advanced to the semi-finals.

Steve Gallagher scored twice for the Ridge as they downed Intermediate League side Valley Trident 3-0, although former Brisbane City NSL player Peter Carey should have put Valleys two ahead before the break.

In the other match North Star, who had been beaten twice by Wynnum in the Premier League, also stormed to a convincing 3-0 win.

NORTH STAR coach Jerzy Stecki is the

first coaching casualty of this season's Queensland's Premier League competition.

Stecki, who was only appointed to the club this year, resigned after his side was thrashed 0-8 by Ipswich United.

Former Lions National League player Iain Fagan has been appointed as Stecki's replacement. He had been assistant to Stecki, who speaks only broken English.

Stecki, a highly-qualified coach who came to Australia as a Polish refugee two years ago, said on resigning that he felt responsible for the team's loss of form.

After losing only two of their first eight games, North Star hit a bad patch of form in the League, which saw them plunge to second bottom on the ladder.

But on the weekend immediately after his departure, Stars beat Wynnum 3-0 in the Ampol Cup quarter-finals to advance to the semis for the first time in the club's history.

Stecki's resignation certainly caught North Star officials by surprise.

Obviously they were not happy with the eight-goal whitewash, but there were extenuating circumstances.

In addition to having star striker Ross Swan out injured, Stecki lost the services of three players — the experienced Jim Hermiston and Jim Cameron and former Institute player Mark Boyd — for the Ipswich game.

EX-SERVICES HAVE FOUR-POINT GAP

A FOUR-POINT gap has opened up between fourth and fifth position in the Mid-State Soccer League.

The crunch game between fourth-placed Ex-Services and sixth-placed CYMS was really a game of missed chances.

CYMS controlled the early period but were unable to convert their possession into goals, thus allowing Ex-Services to get into the match.

The only goal of the match was by Ex-Services captain-coach Chris Reiss.

BY PAT ALLEN

Ex-Services gained much of their breaking space by virtue of East Dubbo United's loss to Dubbo South Wanderers.

A couple of early defensive lapses saw Wanderers slip away to a 2-0 lead through the talent of Wayne Munro.

United's revival was short-lived, as Munro again created havoc coming through from

REF'S REMARKS CAUSE FURORE

BY PHIL MURPHY

VIOLENCE has flared on the Illawarra Soccer scene in recent weeks and a controversy is raging over a comment by Illawarra referees' president Alan Walton that ethnic teams are responsible.

Walton claims that ethnic teams always seem to be involved when there is a disturbance and they simply can't take defeat.

He made his comment after police were called to Slacky Flat to escort referee Tony Heap after the Russell Vale-Cringila match.

Cringila supporters

were upset with Heap after he sent Vene Nedelkoski from the field and disallowed their team two goals. Russell Vale won 1-0.

This followed ugly scenes after the Aris-Port Kembla clash at Kelly Park where referee David Lear was lucky to escape unscathed when Port Kembla supporters tried to strike him after the final whistle.

Lear's "crime" was to disallow Port Kembla a goal in injury-time, and the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Then referee Eddie Uiterlinden was punched by a Warrawong player after he had ordered the player from the field for attempting to head-butt a University opponent.

Alan Walton has come under fire for his comments and they have been described in some quarters as racist, but the facts are there for all to see.

Unless something is done to back up Walton and his colleagues, Illawarra Soccer matches will face the prospect of not having referees.

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FERNHILL looked odds-on to win the Premier League when they raced 11 points clear recently, but things have changed. Gerry Walker's team lost 0-2 to Bellambi and 1-3 to Warilla Wanderers, and suddenly their lead was slashed to five points.

Walker said after the Warilla game he won't be pressing the panic

button and will stick with the players who gave the team such a great start to the season.

"The boys have shown me they are capable of beating any team in the League, so to make changes now would probably do more harm than good," Walker said.

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RUSSELL VALE coach Frank Brindley is having sleepless nights worrying about his team's relegation prospects.

He says if he had signed just one more player it would have made all the difference this season and the player is Kevin Lewis.

Brindley chased Lewis during the off-season and actually had him sign a registration form at one stage, but the player decided to return to Bulli.

Bulli are happy he did, as Lewis is a consistent goal-getter as Bulli become surprise candidates in the semi-final race.

In the space of just three games recently, Lewis hammered home six goals and has a good chance of finishing the season as the league's top scorer.

Bulli coach Norm Flanagan says his team have no real stars but they are showing a tone of team spirit and determination.

This must be the case because they have lost midfielder Warren Hamilton and full-back Steve Hammersley for the rest of the season with serious injuries.

BRINE REPLACES SACKED KLAUS

BY 'VAN DIEMAN'

PETER BRINE has been appointed as senior coach of Tasmanian State League club, Olympia-WPL, for the remainder of the season.

The appointment follows the club's dismissal last week of its full-time coach, Otto Klaus.

Brine comes to the club with impeccable credentials. He played more than 100 first team games with English League side Middlesbrough, and he also played professionally in the North American Soccer League.

He arrived in Tasmania, together with Eric Young, in 1980 and joined Juventus-Pioneer. The following season, the two were appointed joint coaches of the club.

Brine coached Juventus to last season's State League title and to the State premiership.

In a surprise move at the beginning of the current season, Juventus appointed Ken Morton as senior coach in place of Brine.

Brine has not coached this season but has played for Juventus.

Klaus rejected the charges of "unsatisfactory service" levelled by the Olympia committee and said that it was "player-power" that had led to his dismissal.

"The committee asked me to resign", he

said, "but I preferred to be sacked because, in my opinion, I didn't do anything wrong. I was sacked by player-power."

Olympic were in fourth place in the eight-team league at the time of Klaus' dismissal.

It is understood that the majority of the first team players wanted Klaus out. The players held a meeting on the Tuesday night of the week that Klaus was dismissed and decided to approach the committee and recommend that the coach be replaced.

At training the previous night, Klaus apparently upset some of the players when he harangued them over their loss to Rapid. Klaus admitted that he had spoken rather strongly.

"I showed them their faults on the blackboard", said Klaus, "in a strong manner, but, in my normal way. The next evening the players held a meeting and sent three representatives, with a petition, to see the committee."

Only one player, Nick Cook, turned up for training on the Wednesday night. "It's the first time that this has hap-

pened to me in 20 years of coaching," said Klaus.

"It is easier to sack one coach than the whole team, I guess," added Klaus.

"I was too faithful to the players. The ones in second grade were not good enough, however, so I couldn't drop players as the committee suggested. They felt I was too soft and the players probably thought I was too hard."

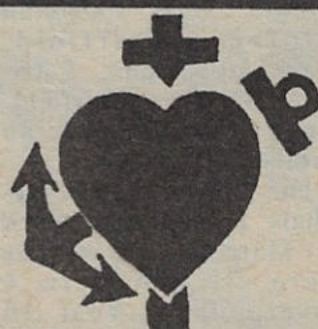
An Olympia spokesman denied that "player-power" had resulted in Klaus' dismissal. "We sacked Otto on the Monday night, before the players even met," he said.

Klaus coached in New South Wales before joining Tasmanian Northern State League club Ulverstone in 1982.

He intends staying in Tasmania for the time being.

"I'll carry on with the Rale Rasic junior clinics in August and September. I don't intend to leave Hobart immediately and I'll even look at the possibilities here for next season. If I get the right offer I'll stay, but I will be going to Germany in the summer

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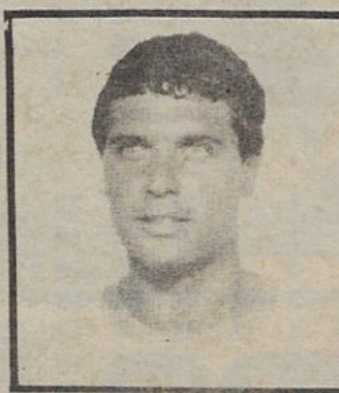
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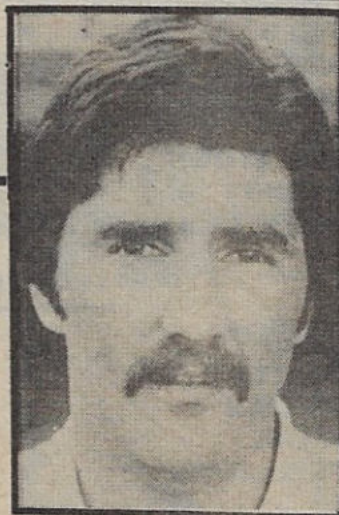
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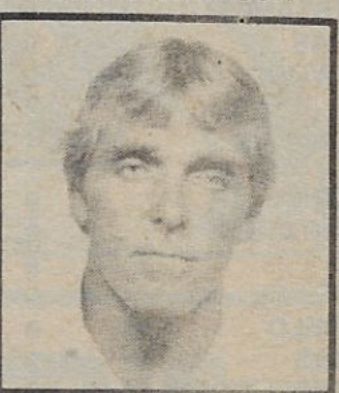
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Standing (L to R): David Busetto; Dominic Gili, Tony Krslovic, Laurent Le Feuvre, David Bonser, Dennis Zilic, Mark Butler, Peter Sharne (Marconi), Donald Flanagan (coach).
Squatting (L to R): Klaus Okon, Kevin Vella, Neil D'Costa, Marco Brunetta, Mitchell Van Reyk, Leslie Zbrog, Eric Scicluna, Neil Esho.



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MCS SCHOOLS FINALS ON THURSDAY

THE Metropolitan Catholic Schools Soccer finals will be played at Melita Stadium, South Granville, on Thursday.

Contesting schools are:
U14: 10.30am Marist Brothers Auburn v Newman High School. Greystanes.
Year 10: 12pm Patrician Brothers Fairfield v Marist Brothers Parramatta.
Year 11/12: 2pm Marist Brothers Eastwood v Marist Brothers Auburn.

MCS FINAL TABLES

YEAR 11/12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
EASTWOOD	7	6	1	0	23	6	19
FAIRFIELD	7	6	0	1	21	5	18
AUBURN	7	5	1	1	14	6	16
PARRAMATTA	7	4	0	3	14	12	12
RYDE	7	2	1	4	9	17	7
CAMPBELLTOWN	7	2	1	4	7	20	7
MARAYONG*	7	1	0	6	6	28	3

*Eliminated from pools division

YEAR 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FAIRFIELD	9	7	2	0	29	0	23
PARRAMATTA	9	7	1	1	17	12	22
BLACKTOWN	9	4	3	2	20	13	15
LIVERPOOL	9	4	2	3	15	11	14
CAMPBELLTOWN	9	4	2	3	17	14	14
RYDE	9	3	3	3	12	10	12
AUBURN	9	3	2	4	12	12	11
GREYSTANES	9	1	4	4	11	19	7
DUNDAS	9	1	1	7	5	26	4
EASTWOOD	9	0	2	7	5	30	2

UNDER 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AUBURN	9	7	1	1	26	7	22
GREYSTANES	9	5	3	1	24	8	18
RYDE	9	5	3	1	19	10	18
LIVERPOOL	9	4	3	2	18	20	15
FAIRFIELD	9	3	4	2	11	8	13
DUNDAS	9	2	4	3	18	18	10
CAMPBELLTOWN	9	2	1	6	11	21	7
PARRAMATTA	9	2	1	6	10	21	7
EASTWOOD	9	2	1	6	9	23	7
BLACKTOWN	9	1	3	5	7	13	6

Amongst those attending the finals will be the recently appointed NSW director of coaching Alan Vest, former director Eric Arneil, Marconi and former national coach Les Scheinflug and Parramatta Melita coach Raul Blanco.

The MCS first held one-day galas for Soccer in 1978 and 1979.

These proved so successful that the MCS Sports Association decided to add Soccer to the other sports, Rugby League, Cricket and Athletics.

One grade was played in 1980. This was extended to two and then three as so many boys were keen to play the round-ball code.

The standard of football has always been high and players have advanced through to National League and State League clubs.

From Patrician Brothers Fairfield alone have come Steve Calderan (Marconi), Bruno Vidaic (Sydney Croatia) and Dennis Colusso (Penrith City).

Also from Fairfield is the present Soccer convenor, Maurice M. Gili, whom we thank for this information.

Past winners of the competition are:

1980: Opens; Patrician Brothers Fairfield.

1981: Under 15: Benedict College Auburn. Opens: Patrician Brothers Fairfield.

1982: U14: Patrician Brothers Fairfield. Year 10 Opens: Patrician Brothers Fairfield. Year 11/12: Benedict College Auburn.

1983: U14: Patrician Brothers Fairfield. Year 10 Opens: Patrician Brothers Fairfield. Year 11/12: Patrician Brothers Fairfield.

In the 1984 semi-finals played last week at Marconi, the results were: U14 Auburn 4 Liverpool 0; Year 10 Fairfield 5 Liverpool 0; Year 11/12 Fairfield 1 Eastwood 3.

At Melita, the results went: U14 Greystanes 2 Ryde 0; Year 10 Parramatta 2 Blacktown 1; Year 11/12 Auburn 1 Parramatta 0.

The participating schools are: John Paul II Marayong; Marist Brothers Auburn; Patrician Brothers Blacktown; St Gregory's Campbelltown; St Patrick's Dundas; Marist Brothers Eastwood; Patrician Brothers Liverpool; Newman High Greystanes; Patrician Brothers Fairfield; Marist Brothers Parramatta; Holy Cross Ryde.

INSULTS MUST CEASE

IT is up to the referees to stamp out the racism that has crept into too many NSW Youth League matches.

References to "Wogs" and other even less acceptable names are being used on occasions to youngsters — usually Australian-born for that matter — who are of ethnic origins.

Respected Sydney Olympic junior official Paul Ankudinoff is particularly concerned over names attributed to his players at a recent match.

"I have been involved with Olympic for four years and recently our players and followers have been subjected to too much abuse," he said.

"It is up to the clubs concerned to discipline their players to see that these things don't occur."

Referees have power to deal with abusive language and ungentlemanly conduct.

If the players and spectators know what is said, sometimes at considerable distance, it stands to reason that the words used by players must be heard by referees on many occasions.

It is also up to linesmen to report such conduct as they are often



right on the spot.

Players must be brought into line whilst they are young if they overstep the mark.

So, coaches and team managers, make sure your boys do things

right.

And, referees and linesmen, don't miss hearing what is going on. Much of the future of the game can depend upon the acuteness of your hearing.

NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 25 — JULY 14

U13 U14 U15 U16

Group A				
APIA v St George	0-0	0-2	1-2	2-3
Illawarra v Yugal	3-0	6-1	3-2	5-0
Auburn v Macarthur	def	2-1	0-0	2-0
Southern Dist v Melita	0-5	4-0	3-0	1-5
Blacktown City v Baulk. Hills	0-4	3-0	0-1	9-0
Canterbury Assn v Croatia	1-2	1-7	2-2	0-7
Bankstown v Ku-ring-gai	0-0	0-4	1-1	0-3

Group B				
Sutherland v Sydney Olympic	0-1	0-4	3-0	0-2
Marconi v Rockdale	2-1	0-0	1-0	3-1
Nepean v North Bankstown	2-1	0-1	1-0	4-1
Manly v Blacktown	1-0	0-1	7-0	0-5
Canterbury-Marr. v Sydney City	8-0	3-0	1-1	2-0
Central Coast v Granville	0-7	4-0	0-2	3-2
Gladesville v Avala	3-0	2-0	1-1	1-2

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS ROUND 9

	U11	U12
Ku-ring-gai v Canterbury	—	1-7
St George v Central Coast	2-0	0-3
Blacktown v Nepean	0-2	2-1
Southern Dist v Gladesville	8-3	2-1
Illawarra v Sutherland	3-1	0-0
Granville, Bankstown — byes		

BILL TURNER CUP NORTH COAST

SEMI-FINALS:
St Marys (Casino) 3 Ballina 1; Richmond River 3 Maclean 1.
AREA FINAL:
Richmond River 3 St Marys (Casino) 1.

LOWER NORTH COAST

ROUND TWO:
Orara 7 (McAnally 4, Kennedy 2, Yazely) Bellingen 3 (Skinner 2, Miethke); Kempsey 4 (McKay 2, Williams, Crockford) Westport 1 (Campbell); Wingham 4 (Nudd 2, Hartmann, Finch) Dungog 3 (Shelton, Bennett, Walters); Chatham 8, Taree Catholic 0.
ROUND THREE — AREA SEMI-FINALS:
Chatham 2 Wingham 1; Orara 2 Kempsey 0.
AREA FINAL:
Orara 3 Chatham 0.

NEWCASTLE - HUNTER

SEMI-FINALS:
POOL A: Cessnock 7 Swansea 0; St Francis Xavier (Hamilton) 5 Singleton 0.
POOL B: Cardiff 2 Francis Greenway 1; Wallsend 5 West Wallsend 1.
POOL C: Booragul 4 Kotara 0; St Pius X (Adamstown) 2 Belmont 1.

FINALS:

POOL A: Cessnock 2 St Francis Xavier (Hamilton) 1.
POOL B: Wallsend 1 Cardiff 0.
POOL C: Booragul 1 St Pius X (Adamstown) 0.

SOUTH COAST

ROUND 1:
Keira def Warrilla; Lake Illawarra 2 Wollongong 1; Kiama 5 Nowra 0; Bomaderry 9 Ulladulla 0; Woonona def Figtree; Edmund Rice 5 Berkeley 2; Warrawong 3 Holy Spirit 1; Corrimall 3 Dapto 1.
ROUND 2:
Keira 0 - 4 pens def Lake Illawarra 0 - 2 pens, Kiama 2 Bomaderry 1; Woonona 2 Edmund Rice 0; Corrimall 5 Warrawong 1.
ROUND 3:
Keira 4 Kiama 1; Corrimall 1 - 4 pens def Woonona 1 - 3 pens.

HELP ARRIVES FROM ERIC WORTHINGTON

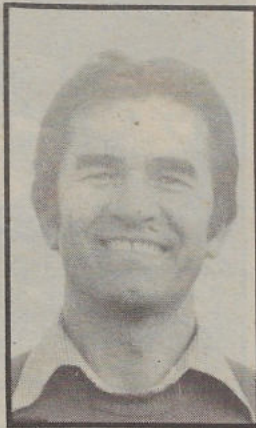
NATIONAL director of coaching Eric Worthington will assist with radio commentary on the Young Socceroos' match against Riverina in Wagga on October 28.

The Young Socceroos play an earlier match in Albury on October 26 as part of their build-up for the Joao Havelange Tournament in Mexico.

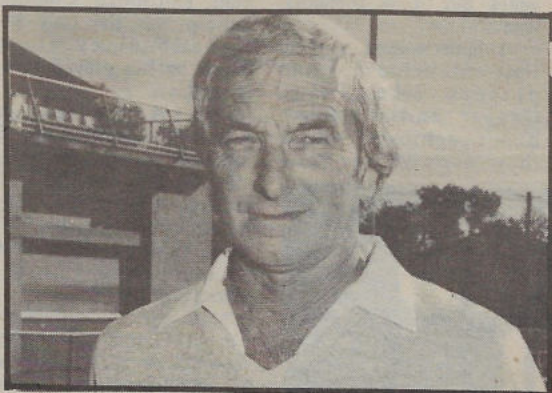
The matches are being sponsored by Coca-Cola, who have donated \$6,500 to enable the Youth team to be properly prepared under their coach Jim Shoulder.

The Riverina players are being handled from an original squad of 30 by coach Chico Vojnovic.

— FRANK FINLAY



Coach Chico Vojnovic



MIKE BROWN of Wagga, who is treasurer of the Promotion Committee for the Young Socceroos — Riverina matches



ERIC WORTHINGTON assisting with training

MAXIE'S AMBITION

MAX GROLL fills an important role in bringing talented Sutherland Shire players through from the district to the senior club.

Forthright Max makes no bones over his objectives in the coaching sphere.

"I want to promote the fair-dinkum Australian Soccer product," he said. It is a motto he sticks to at all times.

Born in Sydney 35 years ago, Max comes from Gymea in Sutherland country and is a taxi driver by occupation.

Max started in Soccer at nine with Campsie Baptist in the NSW Churches SFA.

He went from there to Earlwood Soccer Club in the famous Canterbury district and on to Canterbury-Marrickville in the NSW State League.

At 20 he joined Croatia as a speedy midfielder, but he readily admits that he had problems with his ball control.

He was happy to come under the care of former leading Hungarian player Michael Kiss, whom he said "solved my problem in six months."

Max Groll also added that he developed a different approach to Soccer, classing it as "something to do with getting older and wiser."

After suffering a serious injury, he had to give up playing. Soon afterwards those old hands "Uncle Joe" Vlasis, Denes Adrigan and Rex Foster convinced him to take up coaching.

It first became a serious business for him in 1979. He received his Level 2 badge in 1981.

In 1982 he became director of coaching for the huge Sutherland Shire SFA and has handled the Soccer Sharks' third grade side.

NSW CHS PLAYERS SHINE

THERE is plenty of potential locked into the New South Wales Combined High Schools team to tour New Zealand and Tasmania.

Brett Thornthwaite and Brian Ellem have both had first team experience with NSL club Blacktown City, and George Honiotis with Sydney Olympic.

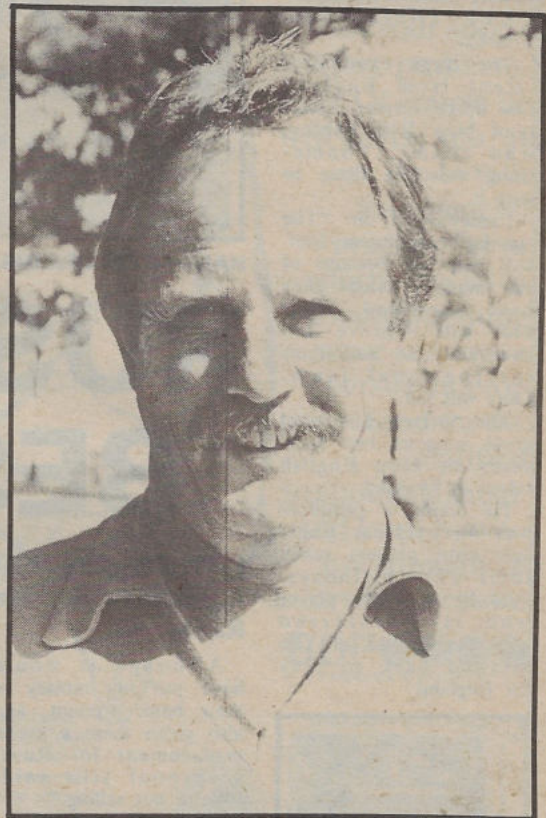
NSL clubs have been quick to pounce on other members of the squad.

Goalkeeper David Curley is with Wollongong City, Alfredo Carmona, Geoff Gunning and Martin Driene with Marconi, and Scott Watson with St George.

Paul Foster, the talented striker from Kadina High School at Lismore, has had feelers from St George and Newcastle.

Goalkeeper Nick Conradi is having a great season with Manly-Warringah, which is throwing out a bid to win the NSW State League and promotion.

Title of the most travelled player must go to Brett Thornthwaite, who has already turned out in the lower teams of many prominent English clubs during the Australian close-season.



MAX GROLL

ONE GOAL DECIDES NEPEAN FINAL

A SINGLE goal in extra-time separated two evenly-matched sides from St Dominic's College Penrith and Cambridge Park High School in the Nepean zone final of the Under-15 Bill Turner Cup.

St Dominic's were victorious 1-0, in an entertaining match played in typical cup final fashion.

Cambridge Park, led in the front-line by regular Nepean U15 goalkeeper Andrew Blow, were strong, but the smaller St Dominic's team compensated with some skilful Soccer.

St Dominic's were making the openings, particularly through left winger Anthony Cavanagh, but their finishing let them down.

The game was scoreless at the completion of normal time, sending the match into 10 minutes each-way extra-time.

The winning goal was scored by St Dominic's just after the commencement of the second period. Striker Scott McArdle, an U13 rep player, beat his defender to a cross from the left and took his shot well.

Both sides were tiring, but Brett Budwee's strength at the back for St Dominic's enabled them to hold out Cambridge Park and progress to the next round of the Turner Cup.

— BRAD EARL

QUEENSLAND ACTION



Andrew Stillman (Bundaberg) and Grant Sumamon (Sunshine Coast) heading the ball during a recent U14 carnival match

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.



These can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white and have good contrast, although colour snaps will usually turn out satisfactorily.

The prize are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

THUMBS DOWN FROM PELE

ONE man who was certainly not impressed by England's surprise 2-0 win against Brazil in Rio was the great Pele.

Pele watched the game and wrote it off as a joke. Said Pele: "It was a caricature of a football match. Brazil and England were two poor teams. I am used to high standards — but this was the worst I've seen."

And as a parting shot, Pele observed: "The world game has declined so much. Where are all the players? I am very worried about Soccer standards."

ITALIANS SPEND \$60,000,000

IT has been estimated that Italian clubs have spent around \$60,000,000 to bring the greatest players in the world to their country.

Nothing like this has ever been seen before but the Italians obviously believe they are getting good value for their money.

How about this for a staggering array of foreign talent: —

INTER MILAN (Rumenigge, Brady), A.S. ROMA (Falcão, Cerezo), LAZIO (Laudrup, Batista), UDINESE (Zico, Edinho), VERONA (Briegel, Larsson), JUVENTUS (Platini, Boniek), ATLANTA (Stromberg, Larssen), SAMPDORIA (Francis, Souness), FIORENTINA (Passarella, Socrates), TORINO (Junior, Schanckmer), A.C. MILAN (Hateley Wilkins), AVELLINO (Diaz, Barbadillo), AS-COLI (Hernandez, Coack).

The huge exodus of talent from England has upset former Liverpool boss Bob Paisley, who claims: "Something must be done to stop it."

Paisley went on: "The standard of Italian football will rise because of the massive talent they have assembled. Their kids will improve and eventually so will their international team. Ours will fall."

The former Liverpool great suggests two measures to keep English talent in England.

He wants a complete ban on overseas transfers until players reach their 27th birthdays. And he says any player who is transferred overseas should not be allowed back to play for England.



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MARVELLOUS MICHEL A MIRACLE MAN

MICHEL PLATINI is convinced he can do no wrong — on or off the field.

The brilliant captain of France's international team, is almost beginning to think he can walk on water.

After steering his Frenchmen to success in the recent European Championship, Platini said: "It seems I cannot do anything wrong."

He is riding on the crest of a wave with everything going his way.

"The big moves I make, on and off the field, always turn out well," said Platini. I don't know why this should be after all these years but it is certainly true.

"I have waited a long time to achieve what players like Pele, Cruyff and Beckenbauer achieved when they were young men,

but now it is all happening," added marvellous Michel.

Platini says the recent European Championship was the only international event in which he has played really well.

"In Argentina in the 1978 World Cup, I was too young," he said. "In Spain in 1982, I suffered a lot of bad publicity over my divorce and the St Etienne problems and this affected my football."

Now all is well with Michel Platini who looks forward to picking up a lot of money from Juventus before emigrating to the USA.

Of course, there are still many critics who claim Platini is STILL not in the superstar league.

They point out that, in the European Championship Final, Platini was rarely seen and was well contained by Spain's Camacho.



MICHEL PLATINI

But he still scored the vital opening goal. With the help he got from Spanish goalkeeper Luis Arconada, who

spilled his free kick over the goal-line, maybe Platini is right to imagine he can get away with anything!

CABANAS INJURY UPSETS COSMOS

ROBERTO CABANAS is now rated the biggest star in the New York Cosmos team, even though he's had more than his share of injury problems.

Cabanas is Cosmos' glamour forward, having taken over from Giorgio Chinaglia who has retired.

But his fitness is a

constant source of worry to the club. The 23-year old Paraguayan managed to stay fit for most of last season when he was the top goalscorer in

the North American Soccer League and was also voted most valuable player in the NASL.

Cabanas blames his poor condition on the fact that he did little pre-season training: also, he was one of only three Cosmos men who did not play in the indoor season.

Johann Neeskens and Vlado Bogicevic also missed the indoor competition but this pair — especially Dutch international Neeskens — worked hard on their condition pre-season.

Cosmos, with Cabanas in top form, recently won three matches in succession and will again be a force in the NASL although the Paraguayan now has hamstring trouble.

Cosmos are coached this year by Eddie Firmani who was their coach in the late 1970s.

Firmani was a top player with Charlton Athletic when the London team was among the giants of the English first division.



EDDIE FIRMANI



HANS-PETER BRIEGEL (right) ... moving from Germany to Verona

RUSH IS THE BEST BUY

LUTHER BLISSETT plus \$5,000,000 ... that's the staggering offer A C Milan made to Liverpool for ace forward Ian Rush.

Although it would have put big money in their bank account, and also given them a useful replacement for Rush, Liverpool still said: "We're not selling."

Rush must now be about the hottest property in European football. Naples were ready to

pay almost \$7,000,000 for the Welsh international before they spent that (and more) for Maradona.

BARCELONA BIDS BIG

THE first transfer deal Terry Venables tried to arrange after taking over Barcelona was for Tottenham Hotspur forward Steve Archibald.

Venables made an offer of \$1,300,000 but the deal was delayed while the arguments raged over whether or not Maradona would

quit Barcelona for Naples.

Now Maradona has signed for Naples, Archibald will be hoping he can move quickly to Barcelona.

Spurs asked Archibald to come off the transfer list, but he refused. The Scottish international is still anxious to get away from Tottenham.

STEVE ARCHIBALD: may be Venables' first signing



DIDI has left Brazil's Botafogo and will coach in Saudi Arabia. Carlos Alberto Torres has replaced Carlos Alves to Parreiras with Fluminense because Parreira has also gone to Saudi Arabia.

FLUMINESE will represent Brazil in the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

This strange decision to allow a club side to represent a country was inspired by the reluctance, or refusal, of most clubs to lease their players for the Olympics.

CASH STIR OVER MARK

MARK HATELEY, the last of the English players to go to Italy before the ban was imposed, caused a big stir in Portsmouth and in Coventry when he was bought by A C Milan at \$1,600,000.

Portsmouth are, naturally, thrilled to bank such an enormous transfer fee, but their delight is not shared by Coventry City.

Only a year ago, when Hateley's contract with Coventry expired, he was sold to Portsmouth for \$250,000. So in 12 months, Pompey made a profit of \$1,350,000 on the player.

Fair enough? Not according to Coventry who complain that they were asking a lot more than \$250,000. But the figure was decided by an independent tribunal which considered it a fair fee.

In retrospect, it is clear there should have been a clause in the agreement to give Coventry a share of any subsequent fee if Hateley moved on for big money.

BRAZIL LASHES OUT

THE transfer market in Britain appeared to be returning to sanity — due to most clubs being unable to lash out huge fees — but the move to Manchester United from Spurs by Scot Alan Brazil suggests there are still some strange deals being negotiated.

Brazil was a headline buy for Spurs last season when he left Ipswich Town, but he failed to make a big impression with the London club.

When Manchester United went after his transfer, they were asked to pay a fee of \$1,200,000 which seemed outrageous for



ALAN BRAZIL

a player who has spent so much time in the reserve team at Tottenham.

Brazil himself said: "Spurs are trying to make a profit out of me — there's something crazy about that."

SPURS CASH

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR player-power has won through over the controversial affair of UEFA Cup payments.

Although Spurs players are guaranteed one-third of all profits from European matches, the club tried to isolate TV fees from this agreement.

Since Spurs received \$170,000 rights for televising the UEFA Final against Anderlecht, their players felt they were being robbed.

But club chairman Irving Scholar climbed down and the players will now set their cash.

ARSENAL CHASE HODDLE

ALTHOUGH it seemed Glenn Hoddle was firmly settled with Spurs, at least for another year, there is still speculation that

England's most creative midfielder will move on.

He cannot go to Italy because of the Italian ban on imports but he could find a club much nearer to home ... in fact just a couple of miles down the road.

Arsenal are the latest Hoddle-admirers. Don Howe, boss at Highbury, would like to see Graham Rix and Hoddle teaming up in a super midfield section and it is said Howe has already discussed this with the Spurs player.

Right now, Hoddle is getting over his Achille tendon operation and it could be some time before he's fit enough to play for any team.

It is a long time since Arsenal carried off any major honours but there is a feeling that 1984-85 could be their big season ... particularly with Hoddle's help.



MARK HATELEY ... profit for Portsmouth

DON'T CRY FOR KEVIN KEEGAN

KEVIN KEEGAN now seems happy to settle permanently in Spain where he owns two millionaire-type units in a super luxury block at Marbella.

Life in the Keegan style is not hard to take! The player who took Newcastle United into the first division has as his neighbours people like King Fahd of Saudi

Arabia, Baron de Rothschild, Sean Connery and Mel Ferrer.

His pad is near the Rio Real golf course and the unit block has its own tennis courts

and swimming pool. Naturally! So weep no tears for Kevin Keegan, whose major source of income has dried up. He's getting by very nicely.

POMPEY WANT MICK

MICK CHANNON is undecided about where he'll play next season.

Norwich City would like him to re-sign for another 12 months but Channon is thinking about moving to Portsmouth.

Alan Ball is now boss at Portsmouth and he and Channon are old mates.



DOC CAN'T SPEND A PENNY

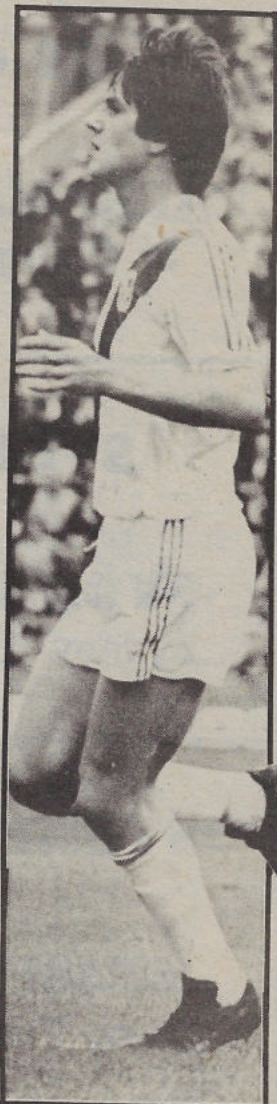
WOLVES, under new manager Tommy Docherty, have quickly run into problems as they try to sign players to take them back to the first division.

The Football League has told Wolves it is not allowed to buy anyone.

It seems there are some old debts which will have to be cleared up before The Doc spends.

The League has had a complaint from Northern Ireland club Glentoran that cash is still owed by Wolves for Sammy Troughton.

And that's an Irish joke Docherty is not laughing about.



TERRY FENWICK (above), a surprise choice in England's South American tour, is wanted by newly-promoted Newcastle United.

The QPR centre-half is from the north-east and that makes him doubly attractive to Newcastle — the pride of north east Soccer.

Fenwick's contract with QPR expired last week.

SUPERMAC'S KEEN ON VILLA JOB

MALCOLM MACDONALD, once known as "Supermac", is the latest big name to be linked with the vacant Aston Villa managerial job.

After a much-publicised love affair, when he left his wife and five daughters for another woman, MacDonald quit as manager of Fulham.

He has now applied to take over at Villa Park from the sacked Tony Barton.

Villa chairman Doug Ellis, who boasted that managers would crawl on their knees for the job, confirmed that Supermac was among the applicants.

"But so are 43 others," said Ellis.



MALCOLM MACDONALD

SPURS HIT BY FINE

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR have been fined \$12,000 by the Football League for fielding 10 reserves in their match against Southampton at the end of last season.

The match was played only 48 hours before Spurs met Anderlecht in the UEFA Cup Final in Belgium.

As has happened often in the past, successful teams in Britain are penalised when they progress in European tournaments and cannot cope with the fixture pile-up in April.

There could be more of this trouble next season. For instance, on May 22, England play Finland in a World Cup elimination game in Helsinki — and the

final of the UEFA Cup is scheduled for the same night.

If Spurs reach the UEFA Final, at least three of their stars, Glen Hoddle, Gary Mabbitt and Graham Roberts, could be wanted by England. In fact, there are five English teams in next season's UEFA Cup.

How could any of them tackle the final of an important tournament if their stars are away on World Cup business in Finland?



NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



ROUND 17
SUNDAY 22 JULY, 1984

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

BLACKTOWN CITY

v

LEICHHARDT

Gabbie Stadium 3pm

CANBERRA ARROWS

v

MARCONI

National Sports Centre 3pm

ST GEORGE

v

PARRAMATTA MELITA

St George Stadium 3pm

SYDNEY CITY

v

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

Sydney Athletic Field 3pm

SYDNEY CROATIA

v

BRISBANE LIONS

King Tomislav Park 3pm

WOLLONGONG CITY

v

PENRITH CITY

Wollongong Showground 3pm



TONY MORSELLO (Leichhardt)



JOE MULLEN (Adelaide City)



GARY MEIER (Sydney Olympic)

BRISBANE CITY

v

HEIDELBERG UNITED

Spencer Park 3pm

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

v

GREEN GULLY

Olympic Park No 2 3pm

PRESTON

v

ADELAIDE CITY

Connor Reserve 3pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE

v

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD

Middle Park 3pm

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

v

MELBOURNE CROATIA

Chaplin Reserve 3pm

WEST ADELAIDE

v

FOOTSCRAY

Hindmarsh Stadium 2.30pm